



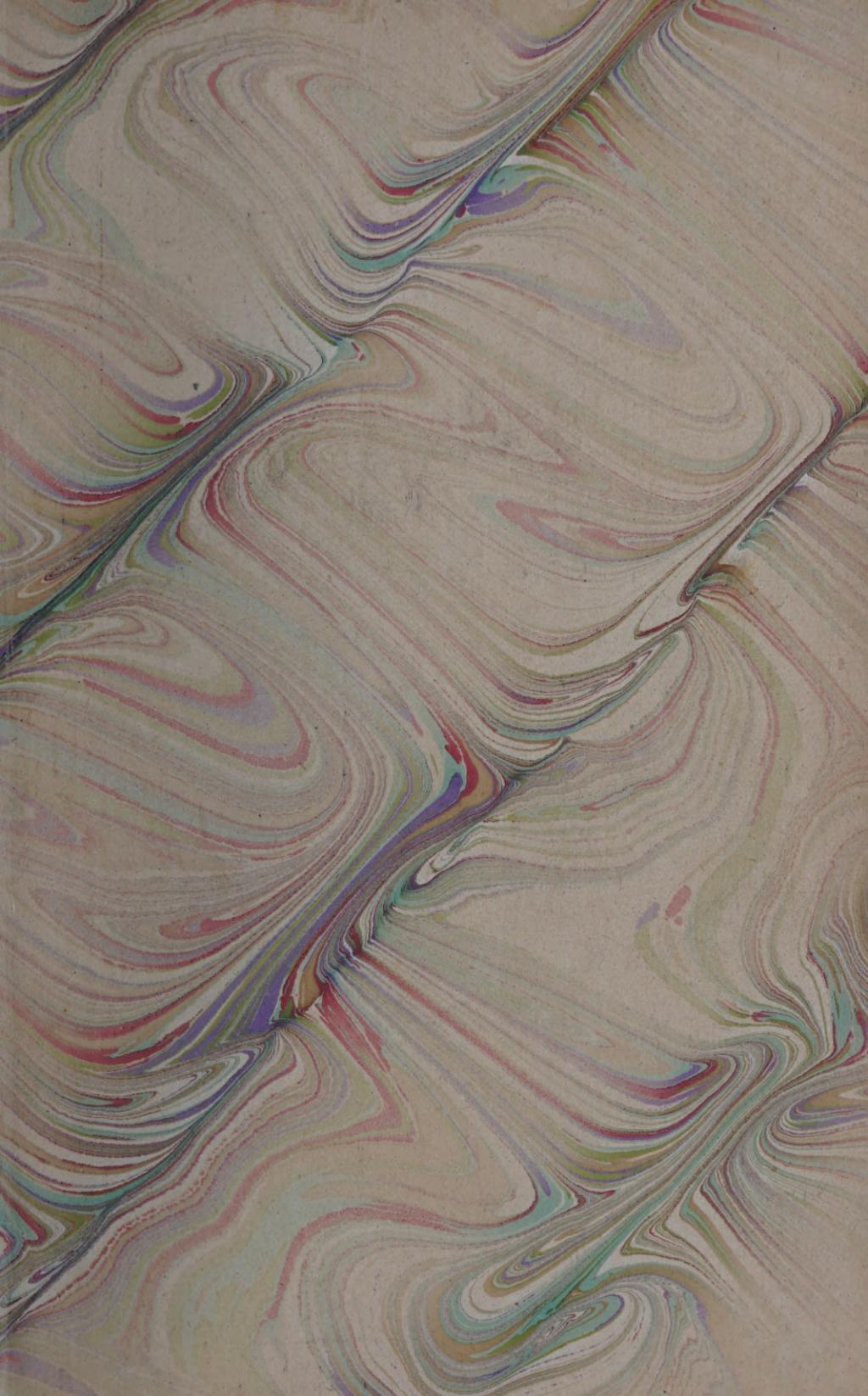


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Twenty-second Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPE DALE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1907.

MILFORD, MASS.:

G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE,

1908.

LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health, and Fence Viewers.

E. A. DARLING,

L. B. GASKILL,

S. E. KELLOGG.

Town Clerk.

WILLIAM H. JORDAN.

Treasurer.

E. D. BANCROFT.

Tax Collector.

E. S. STIMPSON.

Auditor.

A. A. MESSINGER.

Assessors.

H. W. BRACKEN, Term expires 1908.

W. S. HAGUE, Clerk, Term expires 1909.

WM. BANCROFT, Term expires 1910.

School Committee.

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER, Term expires 1908.

H. W. BRACKEN, Term expires 1909.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Term expires 1910.

Trustees of Public Library.

ANNA M. BANCROFT, Term expires 1908.

E. L. OSGOOD, Term expires 1909.

F. H. FRENCH, Term expires 1910.

Road Commissioners.

G. A. DRAPER, Term expires 1908.

CLARE H. DRAPER, Term expires 1909.

CHARLES E. PIERCE, Term expires 1910.

*Park Commissioners.***GEORGE OTIS DRAPER**, Term expires 1908.**FRANK J. DUTCHER**, Term expires 1909.**CHARLES F. ROPER**, Term expires 1910.*Constables.*

ROBERT ROSS ,	WALTER F. DURGIN ,	S. A. ANDREW ,
J. M. FRENCH ,		E. C. BARROWS .

Field Drivers.

SYLVESTER L. MADDEN ,	J. M. FRENCH ,
	FRANK GASKILL .

*Tree Warden.***JOSEPH B. BANCROFT**.*Surveyor of Lumber.***C. E. NUTTING**.**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN.***Engineers of Fire Department.***SAMUEL E. KELLOGG**, Chief.**C. E. PIERCE**, 1st Assistant.**J. B. CHAPIN**, 2d Assistant.**F. B. SWEET**, Clerk and Treasurer.*Police Officers.*

S. E. KELLOGG ,	A. F. FAIRBANKS ,	S. A. STAPLES ,
CHARLES W. WHEELER ,	WARREN F. GASKILL ,	C. C. DOWNING ,
ALEX HOLLIS ,	THOMAS MATHEWS ,	R. H. GIRVIN ,
GEO. W. JENKINS ,	E. A. SHERMAN ,	H. B. LEONARD ,
SYLVESTER L. MADDEN ,	W. N. PRENTISS ,	W. L. BENNETT ,
F. A. SPAULDING ,	GEO. E. KENT ,	JOHN GALLOWAY ,
	W. C. McDONALD .	

Forest Fire Wards.

SYLVESTER L. MADDEN ,	A. A. WESTCOTT ,	E. A. HARDING ,
GEORGE R. KING ,	EDMUND BARROWS ,	J. B. CHAPIN ,
FRED B. SWEET ,	CHAS. E. PIERCE ,	WALTER F. DURGIN ,
S. E. KELLOGG ,	HALE WATSON ,	SAMUEL OLIVANT ,
FRANK GASKILL ,		TRALAVERO WILSON .

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

SYLVESTER L. MADDEN, WALTER F. DURGIN, A. A. WESTCOTT,
 W. H. BARNEY, WILFRED GASKILL, F. A. CARD,
 J. STUART COX.

Public Weighers.

A. A. WESTCOTT, M. L. POND, WILFRED GASKILL.

Fire Police.

ROBERT ROSS.

Weighers of Coal.

W. H. BARNEY, F. A. CARD.

Inspector of Cattle.

WILFRED GASKILL.

Inspector of Meats and Provisions.

WALDO PHIPPS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

CHARLES W. WHEELER.

Town Counsel.

WENDELL WILLIAMS.

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

THOMAS H. BRADLEY.

Agent Board of Health to Sign Burial Permits.

WILLIAM H. JORDAN.

Registrars of Voters.

H. F. SEARLES, Term expires 1908.

S. A. STAPLES, Term expires 1909.

W. H. GRAYSON, Term expires 1910.

W. H. JORDAN, Clerk.

Dog Officer.

WALTER F. DURGIN.

APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Superintendent of Schools.

HERBERT F. TAYLOR.

Truant Officers.

WARREN F. GASKILL,

C. C. DOWNING,

S. A. STAPLES,

H. F. TAYLOR.

APPOINTED BY PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Superintendent of Parks.

WALTER F. DURGIN.

APPOINTED BY PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Librarian.

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Town Records.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 7, 1907.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

To either constable of the Town of Hopedale, in said County,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, punctually at 9 o'clock in the forenoon (the polls may be closed at one o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting) to act upon the following articles, namely:—

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing. The following officers to be voted for: Town clerk, treasurer, collector, auditor, selectmen, one road commissioner for three years, overseers of poor, board of health, fence viewers, one assessor to serve three years, one member of the school committee to serve for three years, five constables, one trustee of public library to serve three years, one park commissioner to serve three years, one tree warden to serve for one year, and a surveyor of lumber for one year; also to bring in the ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall license be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of the selectmen, overseer of the poor, school committee, engineers of

the fire department, and any other officers and committees of said town.

Article 4. To raise such sum or sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing, and appropriate the same.

Article 5. To see if the town will instruct the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, the same to be paid from the taxes of 1907.

Article 6. To see if the town will appropriate fifty dollars towards defraying the expenses of Memorial day.

Article 7. To see if any discount will be allowed on taxes paid on or before the first of September, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 8. To see what disposition the town will make of money refunded from the county on account of dog tax.

Article 9. To see what compensation the town will allow the collector of taxes for his services.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the town.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for supplying water and taking care of fountain and grounds presented by Mrs. Susan Preston Draper, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$300.00 for scenery for the stage in the Town Hall, and appoint a committee to expend the same.

Article 13. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to locate additional street lights, raise and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$1200.00 for the purpose, or take any action in regard to this matter.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to locate two additional fire alarm boxes and appropriate money therefor.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to locate one additional hydrant and appropriate money therefor.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by

posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, this 20th day of February, A. D. 1907.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest: WALTER F. DURGIN,
Constable of Hopedale.

Hopedale, Mass., March 4, 1907.

I have complied with the requirements of this warrant by posting attested copies in the several places herein named.

WALTER F. DURGIN,
Constable.

A true copy. Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, MARCH 4, 1907.

Pursuant to warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, met at Town Hall and punctually at nine o'clock were called to order by the clerk of said town, who read the warrant, and under

Article 1. Mr. F. J. Dutcher was chosen moderator with the use of the check list.

Article 2. The polls being declared open, balloting for town officers, and for "Yes" and "No" in answer to the question "Shall license be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?" then proceeded.

Article 3. Voted: That the report of the selectmen, overseers of poor, school committee, engineers of the fire de-

partment, and all other officers of the town be accepted as printed.

Article 4. On the motion of Mr. George Otis Draper, it was, Voted: That the chair appoint a finance committee of nine, who shall retire, and recommend a list of appropriations for the year ensuing.

The chair appointed the following persons to serve on the finance committee.

George Otis Draper, Eben D. Bancroft, Frank H. French,
E. A. Darling, Howard W. Bracken, Clare H. Draper,
Lewis B. Gaskill, Frank J. Dutcher, Charles E. Pierce.

Voted: To accept the report of the above committee as read by the secretary, George Otis Draper, and act upon the same, as a whole, with the exception of the appropriation for school physician.

For highway department, general account.	5,500 00
For highway department, watering streets	1,450 00
For highway department, sidewalks	900 00
For highway department, West Main street improvements . . .	10,000 00
	17,850 00
For fire department, general account	1,875 00
For fire department, new hose	200 00
For fire department, forest fires	100 00
For fire department, painting	150 00
	2,325 00
For incidental department	3,000 00
For water for fire purposes	2,200 00
For street lighting account	2,550 00
For Town Hall account	500 00
For state and county tax	13,000 00
For use of tree warden	500 00

For poor department	.	.	.	:	\$ 800 00
For park commission	.	.	.	.	2,500 00
For interest account	.	.	.	.	400 00
For board of health	.	.	.	.	400 00

Voted: That the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appropriated, the same to be expended under the provisions of Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1906, which is entitled "An Act relative to the appointment of School Physicians."

Article 5. Voted: That for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the town of Hopedale, in anticipation of the taxes for the present municipal year, the town treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of the majority of the board of selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 6. Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to defray the expense of Memorial day, said amount to be paid to Post 22, G. A. R.

Article 7. Voted: To allow a discount of two per cent on all taxes paid on or before September 1st.

Article 8. On motion of Mr. E. D. Bancroft, it was, Voted: To turn over to the library the money refunded to the town from the county on account of dog tax.

Article 9. On motion of Mr. E. A. Darling, it was, Voted: That the collector of taxes be allowed one half of one per cent for his services.

Article 10. On motion of Mr. Clare H. Draper, it was, Voted: To authorize the selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the town.

Article 11. On motion of Mr. E. D. Bancroft it was, Voted: That the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated

for supplying water and taking care of fountain and grounds presented to the town, by Mrs. Susan Preston Draper.

Article 12. On motion of Mr. F. W. Pratt it was,
Voted : To raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$300.00
for scenery for the stage in the Town Hall, and that a com-
mittee consisting of the selectmen expend the same.

Article 13. On motion of Mr. Walter L. Bennett, and
after Mr. E. A. Darling had explained the need of more street
lights in the town, it was,

Voted : To authorize the selectmen to locate additional
street lights, and that a sum of money not to exceed \$1200.00
be raised and appropriated for the purpose.

Article 14. On motion of Mr. George W. Jenkins, it was,
Voted : That two additional fire alarm boxes be located, and
that \$200.00 be raised and appropriated therefor.

Article 15. On motion of Mr. E. D. Bancroft, it was,
Voted : To locate one additional hydrant. (The appropriation
for "water for fire purposes" in Article 4 having been made
sufficiently large to cover this item.)

Voted : To close the polls at one o'clock p. m.

Punctually at one o'clock the polls were declared closed,
by Chairman Darling of the selectmen, the ballots cast were
counted, and the result declared as follows : License ; Yes 0,
No 111.

There were 146 ballots cast for each of the following
town officers :—

Town clerk, Wm. H. Jordan.

Treasurer, E. D. Bancroft.

Collector, E. S. Stimpson.

Auditor, A. A. Messinger.

Selectmen, overseers of poor, board of health and fence
viewers, E. A. Darling, L. B. Gaskill, S. E. Kellogg.

Assessor for three years, Wm. Bancroft.

Road Commissioner for 3 years, Charles E. Pierce.

School Committee for 3 years, Frank J. Dutcher.

Trustees of town library for 3 years, Frank H. French.

Constables, Robert Ross, Walter F. Durgin, J. M. French, S. A. Andrew, E. C. Barrows.

Field Drivers, S. L. Madden, J. M. French, Frank Gaskill.

Tree warden, Joseph B. Bancroft.

Park commissioner for 3 years, Charles F. Roper.

Surveyor of lumber, Charles E. Nutting.

Of the above elected officers, the following were present and were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties:—

E. A. Darling, L. B. Gaskill, S. E. Kellogg, E. S. Stimpson, A. A. Messinger and Walter F. Durgin.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

March 29, 1907.

The board of selectmen, town clerk, and Constable Walter F. Durgin met at the selectmen's room, Town Hall, March 29, 1907, at 7.30 p. m. and Selectman L. B. Gaskill drew from the juror box the name of William Bancroft to serve as traverse juror at our supreme judicial court, to be holden at Worcester, within and for our county of Worcester, on the second Tuesday of April, 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

PETITIONS.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, respectfully petition the board of selectmen of the town of Hopedale, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires, in the following named streets and highways of said town. A plan showing locations of poles herein petitioned for is to be filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space for one cross arm at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm, and

police signal wires, owned by the town and used for municipal purposes.

Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said town may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to : Northrop street from Dutcher street extension to Prospect street extension.

Date March 1, 1907.

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

By F. A. HOUSTON, General Manager.
W.

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN, HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS,
April 5, 1907.

Voted: That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall run at the usual height and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the board of selectmen.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to : Northrop street from Dutcher street extension to Prospect street extension.

Signatures of Selectmen,
E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG.

This permit and the endorsement thereon is recorded in the Records of Town of Hopedale, Book 1, Page 470.

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

We hereby certify that on April 5, 1907, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. at the office of selectmen in Town Hall, a public hearing was held on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for permission to erect the poles and other fixtures designated in the specification hereby endorsed and that we mailed at least three days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which it is proposed to construct the lines of said company under said specifications.

Selectmen,

E. A. DARLING,

L. B. GASKILL,

S. E. KELLOGG.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

April 6, 1907.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petition the board of selectmen of the town of Hopedale, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires in the following named streets and highways of said town. A plan showing locations of poles petitioned for is to be filed. Said company agrees to reserve space for one cross arm at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires owned by the town and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said town may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred

to: On Mellen street from South Main street to Plain street via residence of Florence Southwick; Plain street from Mellen street to residence of F. E. Knight via Hopedale school.

Date March 15, 1907.

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH
COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

By F. A. HOUSTON, General Manager.
W.

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN, HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS,

April 5, 1907.

Voted: That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications: The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual height and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the board of selectmen.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to: On Mellen street from South Main street to Plain street, via residence of Florence Southwick; Plain street from Mellen street to residence of F. E. Knight, via Hopedale school.

Signatures of Selectmen,

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG.

This permit and the endorsement thereon is recorded in the Records of the Town of Hopedale, Book 1, Page 472.

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

We hereby certify that on April 5, 1907 at 7.30 o'clock P. M. at the office of selectmen in Town Hall a public hearing was held on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for permission to erect the poles and other fixtures designated in the specification hereby endorsed and that we mailed at least three days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which it is proposed to construct the lines of said company under said specification.

Selectmen,

E. A. DARLING,

L. B. GASKILL,

S. E. KELLOGG.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

May 4, 1907.

The board of selectmen of the town of Hopedale, under Acts 1906, Chapter 421, hereby grants a permit to the Adams Express Company, residing at Depot street, to transport spirituous or intoxicating liquors into or in the town of Hopedale, subject to all the laws now or hereafter in force relative to the transportation of liquors, until the first day of May, 1908. This permit is granted and accepted upon the express conditions that the person or persons above named shall conform to all the requirements of the law; and that in case of any breach of said requirements this permit shall become null and void.

In testimony whereof, the undersigned have hereunto

affixed their official signatures this fourth day of May, 1907.

E. A. DARLING, Chairman of Selectmen.

WM. H. JORDAN, Town Clerk.

A true copy. Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

May 28, 1907.

A sixth class liquor license was this day granted to J. J. Gibbs, Druggist, Harrison Block, Hopedale (to expire May 1, 1908) by the selectmen of said town.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

June 15, 1907.

Wm. S. Hague was this day appointed assistant town clerk, to act in the absence of the town clerk, and was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

Hopedale, Mass., Oct. 16, 1907.

This is to certify that a plan, "A layout of Northrop street," was this day filed in the town clerk's office (see Town Record Book No. 1, P. 482).

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

October 26, 1907.

I hereby certify that the package containing the ballots cast at the last state election was, in accordance with Sec-

tion 238, Chapter 548, Acts of 1898, this day destroyed by fire unopened and unexamined.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

November 5, 1907.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Worcester, ss.

To either constable of the town of Hopedale, in said county,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, A. D. 1907, it being the first Tuesday after the first Monday, punctually at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls will be opened for said voters to give in their ballots to the selectmen for governor; lieutenant-governor; secretary; treasurer; auditor; attorney-general; council-lor; senator; two representatives in the General Court; county commissioner; two associate commissioners; district attorney for the middle district; sheriff; all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for; also on the same ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" on the following, as provided in Chapter 123 of the Resolves of 1907: "Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution authorizing the governor, with the consent of the council, to remove justices of the peace and notaries public be approved and ratified?"

The polls may be closed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on said day of meeting.

At 12 o'clock noon of the above mentioned fifth day of November, at the same place, there will be a meeting of the

above described inhabitants to act upon the following articles, namely:—

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as reported by the selectmen.

Article 3. To hear the report of any committees appointed by the town.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to accept and allow the laying out of a town way to be called Northrop street, extending from the present Northrop street, so called, easterly to William street, as reported by the board of road commissioners, or take any other action in relation to the laying out of said way.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in at least four public places in said town, seven days at least before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the clerk of said town, at the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Hopedale, this 24th day of October, A. D. 1907.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen of Hopedale.

Attest:

WALTER F. DURGIN,
Constable of Hopedale.

Hopedale, Mass., November 5, 1907.

I have complied with the requirements of this warrant by posting attested copies in the several places herein named.

WALTER F. DURGIN,
Constable.

A true copy. Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 1907.

Pursuant to warrant lawfully posted, the inhabitants of Hopedale, duly qualified by law to vote in elections and in town affairs, met at Town Hall, and punctually at 5:45 o'clock in the forenoon, were called to order by the clerk of said town, who read the warrant, after which the polls were declared open.

The cards of instructions and sample ballots being previously posted, the ballot clerks and deputy ballot clerks were sworn to the faithful performance of their duty, the official ballots delivered by the presiding officer to the ballot clerks, who received them therefor. The ballot box registered at zero, and was shown to be empty. The ballot box was locked and the keys delivered to Constable Walter F. Durgin. Voting then proceeded.

At 12 o'clock noon there was a meeting of the above described inhabitants, and under Article 1 Mr. F. J. Dutcher was chosen moderator with the use of the check list.

Article 2. Voted: To accept the list of jurors as reported by the selectmen, which list follows:—

Frank C. Albee,	Chas. M. Fairbank,	DeForrest Morrison,
Frank L. Arnold,	R. G. Gaskill,	Arthur E. Nelson,
William Bancroft,	W. H. Grayson,	Henry A. Stearns,
H. M. Bates,	Edwin C. Hall,	Chas. M. Thayer,
W. L. Beals,	E. A. Harding,	A. A. Westcott, 2d,
C. H. Bull,	John S. Henry,	David A. Westcott,
James D. Draper,	Wm. E. Knights,	Wilmarth A. Westcott,
Albion H. French,	H. B. Leonard;	H. E. Woodbury,
	F. S. Wilcox.	

Article 3. No reports.

Article 4. Voted: Unanimously, that the town do accept and allow the laying out of the town way to be called

Northrop street, as reported by the board of road commissioners. See report in Book 1, Page 482 of Town Records.

Voted: To close the polls at 4.34 o'clock, this being the hour of sunset.

At 12.50 o'clock the ballot box, which registered 384, was opened by Constable Walter F. Durgin, and 384 ballots were taken therefrom; the tellers being duly sworn as the law directs, counting proceeded. At 3.05 o'clock the ballot box, which registered 439, was again opened by the constable and 55 ballots were taken therefrom; at 3.50 o'clock the ballot box, which registered 450, was again opened by the constable and 11 ballots taken therefrom to complete a block. Promptly at 4.34 o'clock, the hour of sunset, the polls were declared closed, the ballot box, which now registered 459, was again opened, and 9 more ballots taken therefrom, making a total of 459. 459 names had been checked on the voting list, and 459 names had been checked on the ballot clerk's list. After compiling the total vote the result was declared in open meeting, and was as follows:—

GOVERNOR.

Charles W. Bartlett, of Newton, Anti Merger	.	.	.	1
Thomas F. Brennan, of Salem, Socialist Labor	.	.	.	0
John W. Brown, of Worcester, Socialist	.	.	.	7
Hervey S. Cowell of Ashburnham, Prohibition	.	.	.	2
Curtis Guild, jr., of Boston, Republican	.	.	.	387
Thomas L. Hisgen, of West Springfield, Ind. League	.	.	.	27
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline, Democratic	.	.	.	14
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline, Ind. Citizens'	.	.	.	6
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline, Dem. Cititzens' Nom.	.	.	.	
Paper	.	.	.	0
Blanks	.	.	.	15
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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

E. Gerry Brown, of Brockton, Ind. League	.	.	17
John T. Cahill of Lawrence, Anti Merger	.	.	2
Eben S. Draper, of Hopedale, Republican	.	.	411

Walter J. Hoar, of Worcester, Socialist Labor	.	.	0
Robert Lawrence of Clinton, Socialist	.	.	5
Jonathan S. Lewis, of Stoneham, Prohibition	.	.	4
George A. Schofield, of Ipswich, Democratic Citizens'			
Nom. Paper, Dem.	.	.	14
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SECRETARY.

Solon W. Bingham, of Newton, Prohibition	.	.	.	3
Odilon Z. E. Charest, of Holyoke, Democratic Citizens'				
Nom. Papers, Dem.	.	.	.	20
John Hall, jr., of Chicopee, Socialist	.	.	.	8
William M. Olin, of Boston, Republican	.	.	.	397
Arthur E. Reimer, of Boston, Socialist Labor	.	.	.	0
Dennis J. Ring, of Lowell, Ind. League	.	.	.	11
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Albert Barnes, of Fall River, Socialist Labor	.	.	2
Edward J. Cantwell, of Fall River, Ind. League	.	.	10
Arthur B. Chapin, of Holyoke, Republican	.	.	390
William P. Connery, of Lynn, Anti Merger	.	.	1
Daniel F. Doherty, of Westfield, Democratic Citizens' Nom. Paper, Dem.	.	.	19
Charles C. Hitchcock, of Ware, Socialist	.	.	8
Edward Kendall, of Cambridge, Prohibition	.	.	4
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AUDITOR.

Joao Claudio, of New Bedford, Socialist Labor	2
Joseph A. Conroy, of Boston, Democratic Citizens' Nom.		
Papers, Dem.		24
Thomas E. Finnerty, of Clinton, Ind. League	. . . . .	10
George G. Hall, of Boston, Socialist	. . . . .	8

James F. Pease, of Merrimac, Prohibition	5
Henry E. Turner, of Malden, Republican	382
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ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Allen Coffin, of Nantucket, Prohibition	4
Dana Malone, of Greenfield, Republican	388
James McCarty, of Abington, Socialist	7
James E. McConnell, of Boston, Democratic	19
William N. Osgood, of Lowell, Ind. League	15
Harvey H. Pratt, of Scituate, Anti Merger	1
Gilbert G. Smith, of Lawrence, Socialist Labor	1
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COUNCILLOR (7TH DISTRICT).

Joseph P. Love, of Webster, Democratic	29
Calvin D. Paige of Southbridge, Republican	382
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SENATOR (4TH WORCESTER DISTRICT).

Christopher D. Albro, of Milford, Prohibition	15
William F. Haggerty, of Worcester, Democratic	31
Winfield S. Schuster, of Douglas, Republican	375
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REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT (9TH WORCESTER DISTRICT).

Charles L. Aldrich, of Northbridge, Prohibition	7
William P. Clarke, of Milford, Democratic	30
S. Alden Eastman, of Milford, Republican	352
Michael T. Flaherty, of Northbridge, Democratic	21
Napoleon B. Johnson, of Milford, Prohibition	14

Edward C. Lyford, of Upton, Republican	352
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (WORCESTER).

George W. Cook of Barre, Republican	380
Francois X. Tetrault, of Southbridge	25
Blanks	54
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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS (WORCESTER).

George P. Cooke, of Milford, Democratic	36
S. Augustus Howe, of Gardner, Republican	346
George E. Morse, of Hubbardston, Democratic	23
George F. Morse, of Leominster, Republican	336
Blanks	177
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY (MIDDLE DISTRICT).

George E. O'Toole, of Clinton, Democratic	30
George S. Taft, of Uxbridge, Republican	394
Blanks	85
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SHERIFF (WORCESTER COUNTY).

Robert H. Chamberlain, of Worcester, Republican	381
James Fisher, of Uxbridge, Democratic	45
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Yes	168
No	50
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After the announcement of the above in open meeting the check lists used by the selectmen and ballot clerks, to-

gether with the canceled and unused ballots and tally sheets, were made secure and delivered to the town clerk.

Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Upon the petition of William F. Draper and others, residents of said town, asking that a town way or street be laid out extending from Northrop street to Freedom street at the point where it is intersected by William street, we, the board of road commissioners of said town, give notice as required by law to all owners of land over which said way is laid out and to all abutters on said way of our intention to lay out said way, and in accordance with said notice we met upon the location of said way as laid out and heard all the parties interested; and we have determined and adjudicated that public necessity and convenience require the laying out of a town way in accordance with said petition, and we have laid out, and do hereby lay out a town way, the boundaries and measurements of which way are as follows: The southerly line thereof commences at the easterly end of the southerly line of a town way called Northrop street, and thence runs N. 70 degrees E. 536.5 feet; thence turning southerly, with a curve of 20 degrees, the radius of which is 287.94 feet, 143 feet; thence S. 81 degrees, 30 minutes E. 453 feet; thence turning southerly with a curve the radius of which is 20 feet, till it meets the westerly line of a town way called Freedom street.

Said way is laid out on the northerly side of the above described line and, commencing at its westerly end, is 40 feet in width as far as the easterly end of the first line above described, at which point the northerly line of said way turns southerly with a 20 degree curve the radius of which is 287.94 feet, 143 feet, and so that at the easterly end of said curve said way will be 42 feet in width; thence said way continues 42 feet in width and the northerly line thereof continues S. 81 degrees, 30 minutes E. to the westerly line of

said Freedom street and in line with a northerly line of a town way called William street.

Said way as laid out extends over lands of Henry L. Patrick and of Charles F. Roper, William F. Draper and Clare H. Draper, co-partners under the name of C. F. Roper and Company, and of the Draper Company, and is abutted northerly by lands of said Patrick, of Joseph Northrop, of said Draper Company and of land of said C. F. Roper and Company, and southerly by park land of the town of Hopedale, land of said C. F. Roper and Company and of said Draper Company; said lay-out being in accordance with a plan thereof filed herewith in the office of the town clerk, made by Henry W. Gaskill, C. E., dated September 18th, 1907, and marked "Plan of a Proposed Street, Hopedale, Mass.," said town way or street to be known as Northrop street; and we have laid out said way under the provisions of law permitting the assessment of betterments, and we have assessed damages because of said lay-out as follows:—

To Henry L. Patrick,	No damage ;
To the Draper Company,	No damage ;
To Charles F. Roper, William F. Draper and Clare H. Draper, as tenants in common,	No damage.

CHAS. E. PIERCE,
C. H. DRAPER,

Board of Road Commissioners of the Town of Hopedale.
Hopedale, Mass., October 12, 1907.

JUROR DRAWN.

William Bancroft, traverse juror, March 29, 1907.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED.

99 male, 8 female. Amount sent to County Treasurer, \$214.80, of which amount \$191.18 was returned to the town.

CLERKS' MEETING.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

In compliance with Section 257 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, we, the town clerks of the towns of Hopedale, Milford, Mendon, Northbridge and Upton, which towns comprise the Ninth Worcester Representative District, this day met at the office of the town clerk in said Milford, and canvassed the return of votes in said towns for two Representatives in the General Court, to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. Said votes were returned to us as by law required and were given in at a legal meeting held in each of said towns for that purpose, on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1907, and was shown by the following tabular statement:

	Hopedale.	Mendon.	Milford.	Northbridge.	Upton.	Total.
Charles L. Aldrich, Northbridge, Pro.	7	8	8	54	5	83
William P. Clarke, Mil- ford, Dem.,	30	18	690	194	58	990
S. Alden Eastman, Mil- ford, Rep.,	352	78	812	363	213	1818
Michael T. Flaherty, Northbridge, Dem.	21	18	520	255	44	853
Napoleon B. Johnson, Milford, Pro.	14	11	55	18	8	106
Edward C. Lyford, Up- ton, Rep.,	852	71	620	348	237	1628
Charles Magee, Milford,			1			1
John Higgins, Milford,			1			1
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S. Alden Eastman of Milford, and Edward C. Lyford of Upton having received the largest number of votes, were declared elected, and to them were certificates issued, also a duplicate sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the law requires.

In witness whereof, we, the town clerks of Hopedale,

Mendon, Milford, Northbridge and Upton, have hereunto set our names this 15th day of November A. D. 1907.

Wm. H. JORDAN, Town Clerk of Hopedale,
 HORACE C. ADAMS, Town Clerk of Mendon,
 DENNIS J. SULLIVAN, Town Clerk of Milford,
 JOSEPH A. JOHNSTON, Town Clerk of Northbridge,
 FRANCIS T. NELSON, Town Clerk of Upton.

A true copy. Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
 Town Clerk.

PETITION.

Hopedale, Dec. 12, 1907.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the town of Hopedale, Mass., for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires, in the following named streets and highways of said town. A plan showing locations of poles herein petitioned for is to be filed. Said company agrees to reserve space for one cross arm at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the town and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said town may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to: South Main street from Milford town line to Mendon town line.

Locations to be identical with those granted the Milford Light and Power Company, one line of poles to be used jointly by both companies.

Date, December 4, 1907.

THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

By F. A. HOUSTON, General Manager.
 F. E. W.

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN, HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS,
December 12, 1907.

Voted : That the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be and it is hereby authorized and permitted to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed theron, together with such supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires as said company may deem requisite, in the streets and highways of said town as hereinafter designated.

All construction under this permit shall be in accordance with the following specifications : The poles shall be located between the travelled driveway and the limits of the highway, and shall be of wood or other suitable material, and the wires shall be run at the usual height and along and across the highway. After the poles and wires have been located as specified in this permit, alterations shall be made in the location or erection of the poles, and in the height of the wires, if so directed by the board of selectmen.

Following are the streets and highways referred to :
South Main street from Milford town line to Mendon town line.

Locations to be identical with those granted the Milford Light and Power Company, one line of poles to be used jointly by both companies.

Signatures of Selectmen,

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG.

This permit and the endorsement thereon is recorded in the records of the town of Hopedale, Book 1, Page 485.

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

We hereby certify that on December 12th, 1907, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M., at the selectmen's room a public hearing was held on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for permission to erect the poles and other fixtures designated in the specifications here-

by endorsed, and that we mailed, at least three days before said hearing, a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which it is proposed to construct the lines of said company under said specifications.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen.

A true copy. Attest:

WM. H. JORDAN,
Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1907.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.	MARRIAGE.	BY WHOM AND WHERE MARRIED.
1907.					
Jan. 9	Walter F. Durgin, Cecile V. Looke,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	39 24	1st 1st	Rev. F. Hamilton, Boston.
" 22	Edward E. Adams, Nina Viola F. Mason,	Hopedale, Milford,	24 26	1st 1st	Rev. E. W. Whitney, Milford.
Feb. 28	Richard L. Royce, Evelyn A. Page,	Hopedale, Alstead, N. H.	25 21	1st 1st	Rev. Oliver Brown, Alstead, N. H.
Mar. 16	Louis R. Quenneville, Grace M. Turner,	Milford, Hopedale,	23 24	1st 1st	Rev. E. W. Whitney, Milford.
" 25	Joseph Carroll, Mabel L. Wheeler,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	22 26	1st 1st	Rev. F. W. Pratt, Hopedale.
Apr. 1	Clarence H. Lapworth, Lillian Spicer,	Hopedale, Milford,	24 22	1st 1st	Rev. A. G. E. Jenner, Providence, R.I.
" 10	Asa A. Westcott, Marion E. Dewing,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	29 27	1st 1st	Rev. F. A. Warfield, Hopedale.
" 24	Lewell S. Walker, Lillian I. Bates,	Natick, Hopedale,	26 24	1st 1st	Rev. F. W. Pratt, Hopedale.
" 28	John F. Gaffney, Emma E. Grant,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	29 19	1st 1st	Rev. E. W. Whitney, Milford.
June 4	Merrill E. Burgess, Harriet M. Hayward,	Northbridge, Northbridge,	24 23	1st 1st	Rev. David Howie, Hopedale.
" 5	Roy D. G. Matthews, Vera Hurt,	Milford, Hopedale,	28 22	1st 1st	Rev. R. T. Walker, Hopedale.
" 13	Samuel J. Williams, Nettie G. Burleigh,	Hopedale, Milford,	21 18	1st 1st	Rev. T. C. Watkins, Milford.
" 15	Mark Smith, Adella E. Greenleaf,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	21 18	1st 1st	Rev. E. W. Whitney, Milford.
" 19	Simeon B. Alger, Adelaide R. Gardner,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	82 36	1st 2nd	Rev. E. W. Whitney, Hopedale.
" 21	Charles W. Tracy, Cora B. Dolliff,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	21 20	1st 1st	Rev. A. C. Skinner, Hyde Park.
" 24	Cromwell E. Fairbanks, Susannah Wren,	Hopedale, Upton,	26 22	1st 1st	Rev. E. W. Whitney, Milford.
" 27	Robert H. Newton, Mabel E. Hollis,	Brockton, Hopedale,	29 26	1st 1st	Rev. T. C. Watkins, Milford.
July 6	Percival Treloar, Ethel A. L. Payn-Sills,	Hopedale, Arlington,	27 34	1st 1st	Rev. James Yeames, Arlington.
Aug. 5	Henry Lawrence, Blanche L. Gowen,	Hopedale, Attleboro,	38 35	2nd 1st	Rev. J. H. Holden, Woods Hole.
Sept. 3	William S. Lapworth, Margaret F. Phillips,	Hopedale, Milford,	28 22	1st 1st	Rev. A. G. E. Jenner, Providence, R.I.
" 4	Edward H. Skillin, Hazel M. Morrill,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	21 20	1st 1st	Rev. David Howie, Hopedale.
" 22	George D. Harback, Anna Olsson,	West Upton, West Upton,	28 18	1st 1st	Rev. David Howie, Hopedale.
Oct. 1	Elwin A. Nutting, Ruth C. Henry,	Sunapee, N. H.,	28	1st	Rev. David Howie, Hopedale.
" 2	Edgar L. Bacon, Anna O. Mather,	Hopedale, Milford,	21 21	1st 1st	Rev. E. W. Whitney, Milford.
" 15	George W. Lunt, Alta L. Goss,	Hopedale, Orange,	24 23	1st 1st	Rev. P. A. Allen, Jr., Orange.
" 19	George W. Kneeland, Elsie J. Sumner,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	27 24	1st 1st	Rev. E. W. Whitney, Milford.
" 26	Paul Day, Rachel Currey,	Hopedale, Evanston, Ills.,	32 24	1st 1st	Rev. Geo. C. Stewart, Evanston, Ills.
" 26	Edward Wilson, Annie T. Hoggarth,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	31 39	1st 2nd	Rev. F. W. Pratt, Hopedale.
" 30	Dana W. Wilbur, Dorothy M. Pierce,	Lawrence, Hopedale,	24 19	1st 1st	Rev. L. G. Wilson, Hopedale.
Nov. 30	Lester W. Keith, Ella L. Wheeler,	Hopedale, Hopedale,	35 29	1st 1st	Rev. Alex Mitchell, Providence, R.I.

BIRTHS REGISTERED DURING 1907.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS.
1906.		
June 17	Constance Bates Lapworth,	Winfield S. and Henrietta C. (Bates.)
1907.		
Jan. 13	Frederic Lawrence Knox,	Clarence I. and Alice M. (Walker.)
" 27	Charles Abner Adams,	Charles W. and Minnie E. (Whitman.)
March 6	Frances Jeanette Sweet,	Arthur O. and Ada M. (Snow.)
April 24	Esther Catherine Martin,	John and Mary E. (McDermott.)
" 30	Stella May Draper,	George E. and Sophia E. (Pope.)
" 80	Charlotte Perry,	Urville L. and Ethel (Chandler.)
May 14	John Preston Johnson,	Walter and Lucy (Ashton.)
" 14	Esther Negrotte,	Joseph and Mary (Cirina.)
June 4	Roger Smith,	Arthur F. W. and Annie E. (Collins.)
" 20	Avis Sarah Huff,	Nelson and Etta (Miller.)
July 24	Cecile May Dorothy Durgin,	Walter F. and Cecile V. (Looke.)
" 5	Mabel Hepsey Fuller,	George A. and Mabel O. (Barrows.)
" 16	Marion Jeanette Spaulding,	Fred A. and Gertrude M. (Read.)
" 20	Harry Philip Fancher,	Harry and Elizabeth (Weice.)
" 30	Norman Tobey Howes,	Louis I. and Alice F. (Hallett.)
Aug. 1	Barbara Emma McCaslin,	William and Anna M. (Petersen.)
" 19	William Maynard Draper,	William N. and Annie (Maynard.)
" 25	George Augustus Johnson,	Charles A. and Grace A. (Whitney.)
" 28	Stillborn,	
" 31	Woodbury,	Harry E. and Marion S. (Howe.)
Sept. 9	Anna Macdonald,	James J. and Agnes J. (Gately.)
" 11	George Clarence Baldwin,	Charles E. and Abbie E. (Ballou.)
" 11	Glades Cristine Sivert,	Axel and Ellen (Stenholm.)
" 14	Charles William Lemon,	Raymond D. and Susan (Norton.)
" 19	Carlton Southwick Metcalf,	Frederick W. and Clara E. (Southwick.)
Oct. 5	Ernestine May Albee,	Frederick C. and Laura (Simpson.)
" 11	Stillborn,	
" 17	James Arthur Day,	Willard E. and Eleanor (Thompson.)
" 23	Louis Taft,	Alfred and Louise (Barrows.)
" 25	John W. Davis, Jr.,	John W. and Nellie (Adams.)
Nov. 12	Eleanor Roper,	Walter F. and Harriette F. (Nichols.)
" 17	Joseph Henry Grant,	Joseph J. and Susie A. (Marsh.)
" 20	Charles Edward Johnson,	Arthur and Helena E. (Cannon.)
" 28	Charles Stanley Miller,	Archibald and Rose (Wheeler.)
Dec. 4	Charlotte Cushman Arey,	Freeman B. and Gertrude C. (Young.)
" 4	Helen Redgrave,	Frank W. and Lillian B. (Ide.)
" 13	Evelyn Donovan Stusse,	Herman and Ida (Finley.)
" 18	Dorothea Westcott,	Wilmarth A. and Evelyn (Underhill.)
" 31	Richard Howard Goodell,	Lucius A. and Grace M. (Robbins.)

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1907.

DATE.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.			PLACE OF BIRTH.
			Y	M	D	
1907.						
Jan. 1	Alice I. Kies,	58	9	19	Pernicious Anæmia,	Walpole.
" 1	William Noyes,	83	9	14	Senility,	England.
" 14	Mary Larkin,	85	8	9	Old Age,	Ireland.
Feb. 8	Mary F. Johnson,	69	0	9	Interstitial Nephritis,	Littleton, N.H.
" 18	Lyman E. H. Tinkham,	55	2	21	Carcinoma,	Clinton.
March 12	Fred B. Williams,	31	3	10	Apoplexy,	New York, N.Y.
" 14	Caroline M. Palme,	89	8	15	Senility,	Marblehead.
" 21	Samuel A. Andrew,	65	5	5	Paralysis,	Coventry, R. I.
" 22	Irving Force,	30	10	7	Chronic Nephritis,	Medway.
" 26	Alice F. Lowell,	58	11	23	Pneumonia,	Mendon.
" 29	Joseph Chapmanine,	71			Organic Heart Disease,	Canada.
April 16	Abraham E. Tillotson,	82	3	6	Senility,	Ashford, Conn.
" 18	Mary L. Gray,	40	5	2	Septicemia,	Holliston.
" 20	Amelia A. Boscom,	70			Senile Gangrene,	Nova Scotia.
" 30	Leon A. Albee,	17	4	7	Measles-Pneumonia,	Millford.
May 7	Ellen M. Russell,	70			Debility of Age,	Princeton.
" 11	Catherine Coyne,	50	8	6	Phthisis Pulmonalis,	Milford.
" 14	Henry Stimpson,	81	8	14	Heart Disease,	England.
" 14	Ernest J. Knox,	34	9	27	Chronic Nephritis,	Sutton.
" 22	Ella A. Staples,	54	11	1	Impactation of Gall Stones	Brookfield.
" 30	Olivia A. Jeffs,	72	10	19	Chronic Nephritis,	Winchendon.
June 3	Clarence E. Metcalf,	55	9	12	Pernicious Anæmia,	Douglas.
" 23	Harold W. Sinclair,	1	9	5	Convulsions,	Cambridge.
July 24	Hannah E. Chase,	65	0	11	Tuberculosis,	England.
Aug. 27	Evelyn M. Westcott,	3	7	16	Ileo Colitis,	Hopedale.
" 28	Stillborn,					
Oct. 9	Sarah Northrop,	77	5	18	Cerebral Apoplexy,	England.
" 11	Stillborn,					
" 12	Stephen McNeil,	18	7		Valvular Heart Disease,	Millford.
Nov. 8	William W. Warner,	71	3	9	Intestinal Nephritis,	Simsbury, Ct.
Dec. 1	Clarissa J. White,	88	0	28	Senility,	Upton.
" 8	Patrick H. Gleason,	64	8	21	Valvular Heart Disease,	Ireland.
" 18	Dorothea Westcott,	71			Inanition,	Hopedale.
" 22	George A. Knight,	24	1	11	Tuberculosis Pulmonalis	Hopedale.
" 22	Francis B. Butterfield,	64			Pneumonia,	Lowell.
" 23	Katherine M. Ball,	1	11	5	Accidental Poisoning,	Hopedale.
" 27	Catherine Connors,	68			Appendicitis,	Ireland.
" 30	Caroline Freeman,	94	2	17	Apoplexy,	Northbridge.

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete. Herewith are extracts from the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, Vol. I., Chap. 29.

SECTION 3. Physicians and midwives shall on or before the fifth day of each month report to the clerk of each city or town a correct list of all children born therein during the preceding month at whose birth they were present, stating the date and place of each birth, the name, if any, of the child, its

sex and color, and the name, place of birth, and residence of the parents, the maiden name of the mother, and the occupation of the father. If the child is illegitimate, the name of, and other facts relating to, the father shall not be stated, except at the request in writing of both father and mother, filed with the return. The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported, which shall be paid by the city or town where the report is made, upon presentation to the city or town treasurer of a certificate from the city or town clerk stating that said births have been properly reported to him. A physician or midwife who neglects to report such lists on or before the fifteenth day of the month shall for each offence forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 6. Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the city or town in which such child is born.

Blanks can be obtained on application to the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. JORDAN,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1907.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To orders drawn, viz.:—

Teaching, Hopedale	\$8,175 50
Teaching, South Hopedale	524 00
Care, Hopedale	1,213 12
Care, South Hopedale	42 00
Fuel, Hopedale	1,257 32
Fuel, South Hopedale	111 07
Text books	603 11
Supervision	673 34
Repairs	838 59
Incidentals	714 07
Transportation	273 50
Improvements	72 59
School physician	46 00
Balance	127 07

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By appropriations:—

General	\$14,500 00
School physician	100 00
School property sold	32 78
Tuition	38 50

Balance unexpended:— General	\$14,671 28
School physician	\$73 07

Balance	\$54 00
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PARK COMMISSION in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	
Grading	\$ 4 00
Fertilizer	92 75
Roads	540 59
Pay roll	1,362 67
Tools	70 45
Bath house	91 01
Band stand	55 52
Plans, etc.	56 54
Adin street lot	70 23
Incidentals (See commissioners' report)	566 92
Balance	25 07
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	\$2,935 75
	Balance unexpended
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	\$2,500 00
By appropriation:—	
Labor and material charged to sundry parties	345 75
Interest on fund of Adin street lot	90 00
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	\$2,935 75
	\$25 07

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	By appropriations :—
Books	\$ 577 10
Periodicals	137 05
Binding	94 02
Salaries	1,138 98
Lighting	274 94
Heating	255 75
Fountain	300 00
Sundries (See trustees' report)	407 01
Balance	100 00
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	\$3,284 85
	Balance unexpended :—
	Fountain
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	\$100 00

NOTE.—Items in last year's report as "income from W. F. Draper fund," pages 34 and 47, should have been printed "funds from General W. F. Draper," referring to donation by him to library trustees, for purchase of scientific works.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To orders drawn, viz.:—

	Cr.		Dr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—		By appropriations:—	
Labor and material used in general repairs	\$7,258 11	General	\$5,500 00
Watering streets	1,042 52	Watering streets	1,450 00
Sundries (See commissioners' report)	229 71	Watering streets, J. F. Damon	2 00
Balance	364 37	Street railway excise tax 1907	291 34
		Material and work furnished and charged to sundry parties	1,646 37
	<hr/> \$8,889 71		<hr/> \$8,889 71 39
Balance overdrawn:—		Balance unexpended:—	
General	\$45 11	Watering streets	\$409 48

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

SIDEWALK DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	
Labor and material	\$985 49
Balance	24 99
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	\$1,010 48
	By appropriation
	Abutters' charges on new walks
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	\$24 99
	Balance unexpended
	40

WEST MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn	\$ 28 21
Balance	9,971 79
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	\$10,000 00
	By appropriation
	Balance unexpended
	\$9,971 79

FIRE DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

	Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—		
Pay of members		\$1,008 08
Fuel	42 71	
Water	11 00	
Lights	31 62	
Hose	204 27	
Forest fires	25 25	
New fire alarm boxes	184 75	
Painting hose house	148 35	
Telephones	45 91	
Sundries (See engineers' report)	761 05	
Balance	80 37	
		<hr/> \$2,543 31
Balances overdrawn:—		
General		\$7 01
New hose	\$4 27	
		<hr/> \$2,543 31
By appropriations:—		
General		\$1,875 00
New hose		200 00
Forest fires		100 00
Painting hose house		150 00
New fire alarm boxes		200 00
Material sold	18 81	
		<hr/> \$2,543 31
Balances unexpended:—		
Forest fires	\$74 75	
New fire alarm boxes	\$15 25	
Painting hose house	\$1 65	

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

INCIDENTAL DEPARTMENT in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To orders drawn, viz.:—

Salaries:—

	Dr.	Or.	By appropriation:—	
Selectmen	\$200 00		General	\$3,000 00
Selectmen's clerk	50 00		Court fines	28 94
Treasurer	100 00		J. J. Gibbs, druggist's license	1 00
Town clerk	50 00		Mrs. H. H. Thayer, killing dog	1 00
Collector	158 78		Stationery sold	75
Assessors	180 00			
Registrars	110 00			
Auditor	20 00			
Election officials	28 00			
Cattle inspector	25 00			
Town counsel	200 00			
			—————	\$1,124 78
Stationery				58 50
Printing				287 00
Insurance				422 84
Court expenses				65 49

Sundries (See selectmen's report)	464 29
Balance	601 79
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	\$3,026 69
Balance unexpended	•
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Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	
Sundries (See board of health report)	
Balance	\$410 00
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By appropriation	
G. W. Knight, fumigating	
	\$400 00
	10 00 43
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Balance unexpended	\$317 82
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	\$317 82

BOARD OF HEALTH in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

Poor Department in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To orders drawn, viz.:—	
Sundries (See overseers' report)	\$260 04
Balance	539 96
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	\$800 00
	Balance unexpended
	\$589 96

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State Aid in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To amount paid on orders and charged	
to state on 1907 account	\$490 00
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	By amount received from state on 1906
	account
	\$402 00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.

Water Account.

To orders drawn	\$2,166 67	By appropriation
Balance	33 33	
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	\$2,200 00	Balance unexpended

Street Lighting Account.

To orders drawn	\$2,542 44	By appropriation
Balance	7 56	
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	\$2,550 00	Balance unexpended

Additional Street Lights.

To orders drawn	\$ 64 26	By appropriation
Balance	1,135 74	
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	\$1,200 00	Balance unexpended

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer—Continued.
Memorial Day.

To order drawn	\$50 00
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Interest Account.

To orders drawn	\$262 24	By appropriation	\$400 00
Balance	533 62	Interest on deposits	395 86
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	\$795 86		\$795 86

Balance unexpended \$533 62

Town Hall Account.

To orders drawn	\$1,652 65	By appropriation	\$ 500 00
Balance	358 36	1907 rents	1,456 00
		W. F. Draper on account of extra expense in fitting up office	55 00
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	\$2,011 00		

Balance unexpended \$358 35

State and County Tax Account.

To state tax	.	.	.	\$6,720 00	By appropriation .
County tax	.	.	.	6,010 00	
Balance	.	.	.	270 00	
				\$13,000 00	

Tree Warden.

To orders drawn	.	.	.	\$207 39	By appropriation .
Balance	.	.	.	292 61	
				\$500 00	

Scenery for Town Hall Account.

To orders drawn	.	.	.	\$350 00	By appropriation .

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

CORPORATION, BANK AND STREET RAILWAY TAX in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To corporation tax, 1906 account .	\$ 131 65
Corporation tax, 1907 account .	18,011 78
Bank tax, 1906 account .	72 14
Bank tax, 1907 account .	11,647 86
Street railway tax, 1907 account .	37 34
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	\$24,900 77
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	\$ 131 65
	13,011 78
	72 14
	11,647 86
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	\$24,900 77
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\$24,900 77 ~~48~~

CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNT, in account with E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer.

Dr.	Cr.
To balance of account	\$2,204 00
	By balance from last account

Detailed Account.

Burlingame lot	\$100 00	A. T. Field, account Thwing lot	\$150 00
Sarah M. Whipple	100 00	P. W. Moody, account lot 45	50 00
Sally Whipple	100 00	W. G. Comstock	50 00
Margery Humphrey	250 00	Mary J. Jacques	100 00
J. B. Bancroft	500 00	J. A. Edmands	100 00
F. J. and G. M. Dutcher	150 00	George Scriven	65 00
S. B. Holbrook	100 00	George H. Cole	100 00
L. H. Ballou	200 00	Frank H. French	75 00
Mary Draper	14 00		
			<hr/> \$2,204 00

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer, in account with the Town of HOPEDALE.

Dr.	Cr.
To balance from old accounts, viz.—	By amounts paid:—
Cemetery trust account	\$2,204 00
Library trust account	1,000 00
Park trust account	1,500 00
Balance general fund	<u>14,322 70</u>
	<u>\$19,026 70</u>
Collector, 1904 account	. . . . . 5 22
Collector, 1905 account	. . . . . 4 70
Collector, 1906 account	. . . . . 77 75
Collector, 1907 account	. . . . . 31,545 97
Collector, street railway excise tax, 1907 account	. . . . . 254 00
Corporation tax, 1906 account	. . . . . 131 65
Corporation tax, 1907 account	. . . . . 13,011 78
Bank tax, 1906 account	. . . . . 72 14
Bank tax, 1907 account	. . . . . 11,647 86
Street railway tax, 1907 account	. . . . . 87 34
State of Massachusetts, state aid, 1906 account	. . . . . 402 00
	\$ 2,462 94
Fire department	. . . . . 260 04
Poor department	. . . . . 92 18
Board of health	. . . . . 3,184 85
Library department	. . . . . 14,544 21
School department	. . . . . 8,525 34
Highway department	. . . . . 985 49 ⁵⁰
Sidewalk department	. . . . . 28 21
West Main street improvements	. . . . . 28 21
Park department	. . . . . 2,910 68
Incidental department	. . . . . 2,424 90
Water account	. . . . . 2,186 67
Street lighting	. . . . . 2,542 44
Interest account	. . . . . 262 24
Memorial day	. . . . . 50 00
Town Hall	. . . . . 1,652 65
State and county taxes	. . . . . 12,730 00
Tree warden	. . . . . 207 39
Additional street lights	. . . . . 64 26

State of Massachusetts, military burial	35 00	State aid	490 00
Dog licenses, library account .	191 18	Town Hall scenery account	350 00
Library, Bancroft fund income .	40 00	Balance	24,967 83
Library, fines, sale of books, etc.	153 67		
School department, property sold .	32 78		
School department, tuition .	38 50		
Highway department, 1907 account .	1,749 93		
Fire department, property sold .	14 85		
Town Hall, rents, etc., 1907 account .	1,511 00		
Interest on deposit .	395 86		
Court fines .	23 94		
J. J. Gibbs, druggist's license .	1 00		
Park department, 1907 account .	345 75		
Park department, interest on fund .	90 00		
Incidental department, Hopedale Play-			
ers on new scenery account .	50 00		
Board of health, fumigating .	10 00		
Incidental department, killing dog .	1 00		
Incidental department, stationery sold	75		
			\$80,902 32

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

E. D. BANCROFT, Treasurer, in account with the Town of HOPEDALE—Continued.

Balances to new accounts, viz.:—

Library trust account	\$1,000 00
Cemetery trust account	2,204 00
Park department trust account	1,500 00
Balance general fund	20,263 83

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SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS CHARGED TO SUNDRY PARTIES UNPAID DEC. 31, 1907.

State of Massachusetts, state aid, 1907 account	\$490 00
State of Massachusetts, military burials, 1907 account	.	.	.	.	.	.	107 00
Howe Engine Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 46
J. F. Damon	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Milford Electric Light & Power Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 55
Mary Moore	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 37

**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, CASH RECEIPTS
AND BALANCES FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1907.**

	Appropriations.	Cash Receipts.	Amts. Unpaid.	Balances.
				Over-drawn. Unexpended
School department :—				
General,	\$14,500 00	\$ 71 28		\$ 73 07
School physician,	100 00			54 00
Library department :—				
General,	2,500 00	884 85		
Water and care fountain,	400 00			100 00
Highway department :—				
General,	5,500 00	1,930 79	\$ 6 92	\$45 11
Watering streets,	1,450 00		2 00	400 48
Sidewalks,	900 00	110 43		24 99
West Main street improvement	10,000 00			9,971 79
Fire department :—				
General,	1,875 00	14 85	3 46	7 01
New hose,	200 00			4 27
Forest fires,	100 00			74 75
Painting hose house,	150 00			1 65
New fire alarm boxes,	200 00			15 25
Incidentals,	8,000 00	26 69		601 79
Water account,	2,200 00			83 88
Street lighting,	2,550 00			7 56
Additional street lights,	1,200 00			1,185 74
Interest account,	400 00	395 86		588 62
Memorial Day account,	50 00			
Town Hall account,	500 00	1,511 00		
State and county tax account,	12,000 00			358 85
Tre warden,	500 00			270 00
Poor department,	800 00			292 61
Board of health,	400 00	10 00		539 96
State aid,		402 00	490 00	817 82
Park commission,	2,500 00	435 75		
Scenery for Town Hall,	800 00	50 00		25 07
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1907	.	.	.	\$19,026 70
Total receipts for year	.	.	.	61,875 62
				———— \$80,902 32
Total cash expenditures on 1907 accounts	.	.	.	55,934 40
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1908	.	.	.	\$24,967 88
Less library trust account	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
Less cemetery trust account	.	.	.	2,204 00
Less park department trust account	.	.	.	1,500 00
				———— 4,704 00
Balance to general fund as shown in cash report	.	.	.	\$20,263 82

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN
For the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

INCIDENTALS.

By appropriation	.	.	.	\$3,000 00
Josiah J. Gibbs, license fee	.	.	.	1 00
Fines received from third district court	.	.	.	23 94
Mrs. H. H. Thayer, for killing dog	.	.	.	1 00
E. A. Darling, paper	.	.	.	75
To D. A. Westcott, insurance	.	.	\$422 84	
S. E. Hapgood, carriage for assessors	.	.	8 00	
George W. Wood, return of 26 deaths	.	.	6 50	
W. H. Jordan, vital statistics	.	.	38 45	
W. H. Jordan, sundries	.	.	2 90	
J. J. Gibbs, Ph. G., sundries	.	.	60	
W. S. Hague, sundries	.	.	10 20	
Draper Co., sundries	.	.	25	
State of Massachusetts, license fee	.	.	25	
Davoren's Express, express	.	.	5 33	
Adams Express, express	.	.	3 73	
C. E. Fairbanks, lock-up key	.	.	75	
Walter F. Durgin, service as dog officer	.	.	26 00	
Walter F. Durgin, serving and post-				
ing warrants	.	.	7 50	
Frank E. Knights, burying one dog	.	.	1 00	
Clayton F. Gaskill, labor at cemetery	.	.	6 55	
Dr. K. A. Campbell, return of 35				
births	.	.	8 75	
Thomas H. Bradley, burial agent, A.				
Tillotson	.	.	35 00	
Thomas H. Bradley, burial agent, F.				
B. Butterfield	.	.	37 00	
H. L. Patrick, sundries	.	.	2 03	
Walter F. Durgin, court expenses	.	.	2 81	

Henry C. Snell, court expenses	\$ 46 08
Thomas Matthews, court expenses	12 82
Carmine De Cecco, court expenses	3 78
E. A. Darling, sundries	91
W. S. Hague, expense for clerk hire	64 05
W. C. Tewksbury, repairing bridge light wires	25 13
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones	78 97
L. Wright, cartridges	1 65
Daniel Kent, registering P. O. lease	1 98
Wendell Williams, sundries	2 65
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for sealer of weights and measures	1 76
S. A. Staples, service at polls	3 00
A. A. Messinger, service at polls	5 00
C. E. Pierce, service at polls	5 00
F. H. French, service at polls	3 00
Fred B. Sweet, service at polls	3 00
George H. Davis, service at polls	3 00
Thomas Gaffney, service at polls	3 00
R. G. Gaskill, service at polls	3 00
Walter F. Durgin, service at polls	3 00
S. A. Staples, police duty	3 60
Warren Gaskill, police duty	3 60
C. C. Downing, police duty	3 60
E. A. Sherman, police duty	11 10
H. B. Leonard, police duty	6 60
W. C. McDonald, police duty	17 40
S. E. Kellogg, police duty	10 50
Thomas F. Matthews, police duty	3 00
W. F. Durgin, police duty	9 10
A. F. Fairbanks, police duty	9 30
John M. French, police duty	3 60
George F. Curley, M. D., return of 4 births	1 00
F. D. White, M. D., return of 4 births	1 00
Stationery	53 50
Printing	297 00

A. A. Messinger, auditor	\$ 20 00
E. S. Stimpson, collector of taxes	158 78
E. A. Darling, chairman of selectmen	100 00
L. B. Gaskill, selectman	50 00
S. E. Kellogg, selectman	50 00
W. S. Hague, clerk of selectmen	50 00
H. F. Seales, registrar	25 00
W. H. Jordan, registrar	25 00
W. H. Jordan, clerk of registrars	10 00
W. H. Jordan, town clerk	50 00
W. H. Grayson, registrar	25 00
S. A. Staples, registrar	25 00
Wendell Williams, town counsel	200 00
William Bancroft, assessor	60 00
H. W. Bracken, assessor	60 00
W. S. Hague, assessor	60 00
E. D. Bancroft, town treasurer	100 00
Wilfred Gaskill, cattle inspector	25 00
Balance unexpended	601 79

	\$3,026 69
	\$3,026 69

SCENERY.

By appropriation	\$300 00
Gift from Hopedale Players	50 00
To Z. C. Field, lumber	\$ 3 28
A. L. Story Scenic Co., scenery	323 31
J. H. Sherman, carpenter work at Town Hall	20 00
Staples & Gould, sundries	66
Burdett and Williams, pulleys, etc.	2 75

	\$350 00
	\$350 00

ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS.

By appropriation	\$1,200 00
To Milford Electric Light & Power Co.	\$ 64 26
Balance unexpended	1,135 74

	\$1,200 00
	\$1,200 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

By appropriation	.	.	.	\$50 00
To Post 22, G. A. R.,	.	.	.	\$50 00
				\$50 00 \$50 00

INTEREST.

By appropriation	.	.	.	\$400 00
Interest on deposits	.	.	.	395 86
To Bancroft Memorial Library Trustees trust fund	.	.	.	\$ 40 00
Hopedale Village Cemetery	.	.	.	132 24
Park department trust account	.	.	.	90 00
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	533 62
				\$795 86 \$795 86

TAXES.

By appropriation	.	.	.	\$13,000 00
To state tax	.	.	.	\$6,720 00
County tax	.	.	.	6,010 00
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	270 00
				\$13,000 00 \$13,000 00

WATER FOR FIRE PURPOSES.

By appropriation	.	.	.	\$2,200 00
To Milford Water Co.	.	.	.	\$2,166 67
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	33 33
				\$2,200 00 \$2,200 00

STATE AID.

Harriet A. Bean	.	.	.	\$48 00
Julia A. Chipman	.	.	.	48 00
Alice Lowell	.	.	.	12 00
Sarah M. Merriam	.	.	.	48 00
Olive Wood	.	.	.	24 00
George H. Williams	.	.	.	72 00

Hattie R. Force	\$48 00
Mary A. Cox	48 00
Oramandel Quimby	48 00
S. Caroline Clark	48 00
Samuel P. Oliver	24 00
Ralph Varnum	6 00
George W. Butterfield	16 00
By amount due from state	\$490 00

	\$490 00
	\$490 00

STREET LIGHTS.

By appropriation	\$2,550 00
To Milford Electric Light & Power Co.	\$2,542 44
Balance unexpended	7 56

	\$2,550 00
	\$2,550 00

TOWN HALL.

By appropriation	\$ 500 00
Rents	1,456 00
Gen. Wm. F. Draper on account of extra expense in fitting up office.	55 00
To Z. C. Field, lumber	\$ 84
Sherman Bros., labor	15 72
Milford Electric Light & Power Co., light, etc.	51 32
Milford Water Co., water	63 49
Avery & Woodbury, curtain rolls	40
Janitor's services	572 00
W. C. Tewksbury, installing Nernst lamps	85 22
Norris, Staples & Gould, sundries	113 57
Milford Gas Light Co., gas	138 38
Grafton & Upton R. R. Co., freight	1 25
John H. Sherman, carpenter labor	18 65
Clark Ellis & Sons, sundries	7 30
Eldredge & Sons, setting glass	7 75

Hopedale Stable Co., coal	\$350 00
Swift B. Lyon, tuning piano	3 00
G. E. Stimpson & Co., furniture	72 02
E. M. Crockett, painting	38 45
Dillon Bros., carpenter work	57 57
J. M. French & Son, carting ashes	7 15
Tea Tray Co. of Newark, N. J., fire extinguishers	40 60
Howes & Howes, sundries	7 27
H. T. Heredeen, sundries	70
Balance unexpended	358 35
	\$2,011 00
	<u>\$2,011 00</u>

SUMMARY.

DEPARTMENT.	Appropriations.	Due from State.	Cash Received.	Totals.	Expended.	Unexpended Balance.
Incidental,	\$ 3,000 00					
Street lights,	2,550 00					
State aid,	490 00	\$490				
Water for fires,	2,200 00					
Memorial Day,	50 00					
Interest,	400 00					
State and county taxes,	18,000 00					
Tree warden,	500 00					
Town Hall,	500 00					
Scenery for Town Hall,	300 00					
Additional street lights,	1,200 00					
Board of Health,	400 00					
Totals,	\$190	\$1,993 55	\$26,585 55	\$23,082 73		\$8,550 82

APPRAISEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTY, JANUARY
1, 1908.

Town House	\$35,000 00
Town House, store fixtures	450 00
Town House, post-office equipment	1,000 00
Schoolhouse, Hopedale street	5,000 00
Schoolhouse, South Hopedale	950 00
Schoolhouse, Dutcher street	35,000 00

High school building	\$ 7,000 00
Public library	5,000 00
Bancroft Memorial library	30,000 00
Town Park property	20,000 00
New band stand	700 00
New bath house	1,000 00
Pest house	600 00
Mrs. Susan Preston Draper fountain	15,000 00
Fire department property	7,620 00
Police equipment	30 00
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	\$164,350 00

HIGHWAY PROPERTY.

Stone crusher and engine	\$ 500 00
Road scraper	25 00
Three snow plows	40 00
Small tools	80 00
Two watering carts	350 00
Eleven standpipes	170 00
Road roller	80 00
Buildings	600 00
1-horse tip cart	50 00
250 tons trap rock	300 00
150 yards gravel	127 50
2000 yards rough stone for crusher	1,200 00
20 barrels oil	64 00
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	\$8,586 50

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECT-MEN FOR 1908.

Memorial Day	\$ 50 00
Incidentals	3,000 00
Interest	300 00
Street lights	3,500 00
Water for fire purposes	2,250 00
State and county taxes	13,000 00

Town Hall	\$500 00
Support of the poor	800 00
Tree warden	500 00
Board of health	300 00

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,

Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR For the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

By appropriation	\$800 00
To Town of Milford, account Bridget Gaffney	\$ 88 25
Town of Milford, account Curtis Claflin	156 00
Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics, account Fred E. Gould	15 79
Balance unexpended	539 96
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	\$800 00
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	\$800 00

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF FENCE VIEWERS For the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

No complaints.

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Fence Viewers.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH For the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

There were 3 cases of typhoid fever, 5 cases scarlet fever, and 2 cases of diphtheria, all of which received attention.

By appropriation	\$400 00
By George W. Knight, fumigating	10 00
To Ernest Tucker, quarantine	\$10 50
Irving Parsons, quarantine	9 00
J. M. French, fumigating	12 00
J. J. Gibbs, sundries	3 75
J. M. French & Son, delivering oil, account mosquitoes	2 25
D. A. Wright, 1 sprayer, account mosquitoes	1 00
H. D. Bowker, 1 pair rubber boots, account mosquitoes	3 75
Draper Co., oil, account mosquitoes	10 18
H. B. Leonard, spraying, account mosquitoes	5 00
Staples & Gould, faucets, account mosquitoes	75
Henry W. Gaskill, survey for drain on Hopedale street, account mos- quitoes	4 00
Balance unexpended	317 82

	\$410 00

	\$410 00

E. A. DARLING,
L. B. GASKILL,
S. E. KELLOGG,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

A meeting was held in Library Hall, April 23, at 10 A. M., for the purpose of hearing all parties relative to the proposed removal of certain trees located on Dutcher, Union and Hopedale streets.

The call of the meeting was then read. No one being present to object, adjournment was made.

By appropriation	\$500 00
To Clark Ellis & Sons, sundries	\$ 2 90
Town of Hopedale, highway department, removing and work on trees	61 83
Town of Hopedale, highway department, trimming and cutting trees on Hopedale and Freedom streets and in South Hopedale	142 66
Balance unexpended	292 61

	\$500 00
	\$500 00

J. B. BANCROFT,
Tree Warden.

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures For the Year Ending December 31, 1907.

I have tested and sealed the following scales, weights, and measures :—

- 9 Fairbanks Platform over 5000 lbs.
- 48 " " under 5000 lbs.
- 6 Howes " " 5000 lbs.
- 25 Counter balances.
- 359 Weights.
- 23 Wet measures.
- 17 Dry measures.
- 3 Yard sticks.
- 164 Milk and cream jars.

I have also condemned the following measures, jars and scales:—

- 9 Scales.
- 10 Measures.
- 75 Milk and cream jars.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WHEELER,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

SOUTH MILFORD, Dec. 31, 1907.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF HOPEDALE:—

Gentlemen:—I submit to you my report for the year as inspector: A general inspection of all cattle and swine and the premises where the same were kept was made during the year 1907, and a written report of the condition of each barn and stable was sent to the state board of cattle commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED GASKILL,

Inspector of Animals.

**REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS,
For the Year Ending December 31, 1907.**

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation		\$5,500 00
Material sold		91 22
Work for outside parties (labor and material)		1,515 15
Street railway tax returned by state		37 34
Street railway tax returned by tax collector		254 00
Rent of hose house		40 00
To labor	\$5,633 26	
Material	1,619 85	
H. T. Heredeen	43 50	
Milford Water Co.	6 00	
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	57 95	
Draper Co.	4 16	
Henry Willard	11 40	
Clark Ellis & Sons	45 40	
Henry L. Patrick	1 47	
John M. MacLauchlan, clerk	50 00	
C. H. Andrew	4 25	
H. A. Barney	5 58	
By account overdrawn		45 11
		<hr/>
	\$7,482 82	\$7,482 82

WEST MAIN STREET.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation		\$10,000 00
To Draper Co.	\$ 28 21	
Balance unexpended	9,971 79	
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	\$10,000 00	\$10,000 00

SIDEWALKS.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation		\$900 00
Abutters' charges on new sidewalks		110 48
To labor	\$500 00	
Material	269 53	
J. M. French & Son	11 25	
Hopedale Stable	66 07	
Cenedella & Co.	12 82	
Draper Co.	125 82	
Balance unexpended	24 99	
		<hr/>
	\$1,010 48	\$1,010 48

STREET WATERING.

	Dr.	Cr.
By appropriation		\$1,450 00
J. F. Damon, overcharge		2 00
To running cart	\$616 50	
Milford Water Co. (water)	363 24	
H. T. Heredeen	9 70	
Eldredge & Son	2 13	
Frank H. Marshall	35 00	
J. F. Damon	9 95	
Milford Water Co.	6 00	
Balance unexpended	409 48	
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	\$1,452 00	\$1,452 00

PROPERTY OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Stone crusher and engine	\$ 500 00
Road scraper	25 00
Three snow plows	40 00
Small tools	80 00
Two watering carts	350 00
Eleven standpipes	170 00
Road roller	80 00
Buildings	600 00

One-horse tip cart	.	.	.	.	50 00
250 tons of trap rock	.	.	.	.	300 00
150 yards of gravel	.	.	.	.	127 50
2000 yards rough stone for crusher	.	.	.	.	1,200 00
20 barrels of oil	.	.	.	.	64 00

					\$3,586 50

SUMMARY.

DEPARTMENTS.	Appropriations.	Credits for Outside Work, etc.	Total Credits.	Amount Expended.	Unexpended Balance.	Exceeded Appropriation.
General repairs, West Main street,	\$ 5,500 00	\$1,937 71	\$ 7,437 71	\$7,482 82		
Sidewalks,	10,000 00		10,000 00	28 21		
Street watering,	900 00	110 48	1,010 48	985 49	24 99	
	1,450 00	2 00	1,452 00	1,042 52	409 48	
Totals,	\$17,850 00	\$2,050 19	\$19,900 19	\$9,539 04	\$10,406 26	\$45 11

The unexpended balance of the appropriation for repairs on West Main street is explained by the fact that the Road Commissioners thought it wise to submit a new location for the street, as well as to consider certain questions of sewerage for the abutting houses before making the repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

O. E. PIERCE,
GEORGE A. DRAPER,
C. H. DRAPER,

Road Commissioners.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS OF THE HOPE DALE
FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1907.

PROPERTY.

One hose house	\$1,000 00
One hose wagon	250 00
One hose wagon	75 00
One hook and ladder truck (with ladders)	160 00
4,500 ft. hose (4,000 ft. in good condition, 500 ft. unreliable)	1,000 00
Arrow-gun and fire escape	10 00
Fire alarm telegraph complete	1,600 00
Electric chemical and equipments	3,500 00
Three harnesses, shovels, etc.	25 00
	————— \$7,620 00

LOCATION OF HYDRANTS.

HOPEDALE STREET.

At corner of Freedom, Chapel, Social, Union, Peace, Draper and Adin streets, near driveway of Henry L. Patrick and near high school.

WEST MAIN STREET.

Near turnout, near four corners, beyond railroad track and near residence of Mrs. Henrietta Day.

ADIN STREET.

Near residences of Wm. Lapworth, E. S. Draper, D. A. Westcott and Miss Grace M. Dutcher.

DUTCHER STREET.

At corner of Hope, Union, Chapel, Freedom, Northrop, and Dennett streets and near residence of G. H. Schultz.

PROSPECT STREET.

Between Peace and Union and between Union and Freedom streets.

FREEDOM STREET.

Near residence of C. F. Roper, at corner of Prospect, at bridge, near lumber shed, near electric R. R. track and near Progress street.

PROGRESS STREET.

At corner of Soward street and between Soward and Freedom streets.

BANCROFT PARK.

North end, south end, east side and west side.

CEMETERY STREET.

At corner of Hope and near coal sheds.

SHOP YARD.

Near counting room, rear of foundry and near screw shop, south end.

HIGHLAND STREET.

Near house of Wm. Lapworth.

NORTHROP STREET.

Near C. F. Roper & Co.'s shop.

ENGINEERS.

S. E. Kellogg, chief,	C. E. Pierce, 1st assistant,
J. B. Chapin, 2d assistant,	F. B. Sweet, clerk and treasurer.

MEMBERS.

HOSE 2.

Fred G. Crockett, foreman,	C. W. Wheeler, clerk,
M. Higgiston, 1st assistant,	Fred Farrington,
P. J. Manuel, 2d assistant,	Thomas Gaffney.

HOSE 3.

Wm. N. Draper, foreman,	T. H. Craddock,
Wm. E. Whitney, 1st assistant,	A. E. Weeks,
Frank L. Arnold, 2d assistant,	Alex. Lewis,
F. W. Nichols, clerk,	Wm. H. Nelson,
Henry Crawford,	Jos. Miller,
Walter F. Durgin,	Frank Warren,
	J. L. Quimby.

PAY OF MEMBERS, INCIDENTALS, ETC.

By appropriation	\$1,875 00
Sale of zinc, copper, etc.	18 31
Balance overdrawn	7 01
	—————
	\$1,900 32
To pay of chief	\$ 73 00
Pay of engineers	119 00
Robert Ross, fire police	20 00
J. L. Adams, electrician	120 00
Pay of Hose 2	186 95
Pay of Hose 3	369 00
C. H. Bagley, steward	75 00
E. S. Stimpson, poll tax of department	45 08
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co., fuel	42 71
Milford Water Co., water	11 00
Milford Gas Light Co., lighting	31 62
W. D. Stearns, repairs Hose 2	75
Davoren's Express, express and carting	8 45
Milford E. L. & P. Co., electricity	51 32
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., rent of telephones	45 91
Grafton & Upton R. R., express	75
Hopedale Supply Co., copy-books, etc.	8 75
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co., man at barn	329 50
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co., teams to fires	33 00
E. D. Bancroft, treas., freight	3 46
C. Callahan Co., valve stem and jars and coppers	12 00
Edes Mfg. Co., zines	35 00
W. C. Tewksbury, repairs and sundries	46 34
F. B. Sweet, express and postage	5 48
Henry K. Barnes, extinguisher repairs	8 00
Draper Co., sundries	8 32

Jos. Ryan, repairs fire alarm	\$ 5 00
A. D. Wheeler, agent, one 6 in. gong	30 00
Henry L. Patrick, soda, pails, etc.	7 54
Electric Goods Mfg. Co., blue rock	35 91
Wm. E. Whitney, badge	3 50
F. M. Kinsley, batteries	1 50
G. A. Sherborne, express	1 25
Norris, Staples & Gould, pipe, pails and repairs	21 15
Avery & Woodbury Co., curtains, duster, etc.	10 25
Wetmore-Savage Co., blue rock	37 98
Highway department, rent No. 2 hose house	40 00
J. M. French & Sons, teams	8 50
Milford Journal Co., printing	7 35
	————— \$1,900 32

HOSE.

By appropriation	\$200 00
Amount overdrawn	4 27
	—————
To Stover & Wheeler, 300 ft. C. C. C. hose, gates, etc.	\$204 27

BRUSH FIRES.

By appropriation	\$100 00
To A. A. Westcott, money expended	\$18 75
Hopedale Stable, teams	3 00
J. B. Chapin, money expended	8 50
Balance unexpended	74 75
	—————
	\$100 00

NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES.

By appropriation	\$200 00
To A. D. Wheeler, agt., 2 boxes	\$150 00
A. D. Wheeler, agt., 2 key boxes	3 00
H. E. Brown, labor and stock	10 00

W. C. Tewksbury, pipe, wire, etc.	.	\$21 75
Balance unexpended	.	15 25
		—————

\$200 00

PAINTING HOSE HOUSE.

By appropriation	.	.	\$150 00
To E. M. Crockett, paint, etc.	.	.	\$148 35
Balance unexpended	.	.	1 65
			—————

\$150 00

SUMMARY.

By general appropriation	.	.	\$1,875 00
New hose appropriation	.	.	200 00
Brush fire appropriation	.	.	100 00
New fire alarm boxes	.	.	200 00
Painting hose house	.	.	150 00
Sale of zinc, copper, etc.	.	.	18 31
To pay of members	.	.	\$1,008 03
Incidentals	.	.	892 29
New hose	.	.	204 27
New fire alarm boxes	.	.	184 75
Painting hose house	.	.	148 35
Brush fires	.	.	25 25
Balance unexpended	.	.	80 37
			—————
			\$2,543 31
			\$2,543 31

LOCATION OF BOXES.

- Box 25.—Draper Co. yard.
- Box 26.—Hopedale street, corner of hose house.
- Box 32.—Dutcher street, corner of Dennett street.
- Box 35.—Union street, corner of Prospect street.
- Box 38.—Dutcher street, corner of Freedom street.
- Box 42.—Bancroft park, west side.
- Box 45.—West of dam on Freedom street.
- Box 46.—Hope street, near Hopedale Stable office.
- Box 53.—Corner Adin and Hopedale streets.
- Box 57.—Adin street, near residence of E. S. Draper.
- Box 59.—West Main street, near turn-out.

Box 62.—West Main street, corner of Hopedale street.

Box 64.—Westcott's mill, Spindleville.

School signal, near office of Draper Co.

RECORD OF FIRES.

January 21.—Brush fire, land of Draper Co.

May 2.—Chimney fire, residence Wm. N. Draper.

July 7.—Barn on Freedom street, owned by Felix Kearney.

October 21.—False alarm ; lines crossed.

November 24.—Chimney fire, residence Mr. Finley, Mendon hill.

The fire wards and the department have also extinguished a number of brush fires, for which no alarm has been rung.

The overcoats used by the department are in a very dilapidated condition and we recommend new ones ; we also recommend the location of a hydrant on Northrop street, near C. F. Roper & Co.'s shop.

For 1908 we would recommend the following appropriations :—

General appropriation	\$2,125 00
Brush fires	100 00
New hose	200 00
New overcoats	110 00

All the equipments of the department are in good working order.

S. E. KELLOGG,
JOS. B. CHAPIN,
C. E. PIERCE,
FRED B. SWEET,

Board of Engineers.

ASSESSORS' REPORT
For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907.

Valuation of real estate, excluding land	\$1,207,850 00
Valuation of real estate, excluding buildings	247,335 00
Total valuation of real estate	\$1,455,185 00
Total valuation of personal estate	3,710,430 00
Total valuation	\$5,165,615 00
Decrease in 1907	\$109,205 00
Tax rate per 1000	\$6 00
Tax on property	\$30,993 69
Number of polls taxed	785
Tax on each	\$2.00
Tax on polls	1,570 00
Total amount raised by taxation	\$32,563 69
Bank tax for 1907	11,647 86
Corporation tax for 1907	13,011 78
Street railway tax for 1907	291 84
Available tax	\$57,514 67
Number of persons assessed	913
Number of persons assessed on property	244
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only	667
Number of polls assessed	785
Number of horses assessed	124
Number of cows assessed	96
Number of sheep assessed	1
Number of neat cattle assessed	7

Number of swine assessed	.	.	.	.	19
Number of dwelling houses	.	.	.	.	367
Acres of land assessed	.	.	2825 acres	43 rods.	
Population	.	.	.	.	2,139
Increase of population from last year	.	.	.	.	191

WILLIAM BANCROFT,
H. W. BRACKEN,
W. S. HAGUE,

Board of Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

	Dr.	Cr.
1904.		
To uncollected taxes	\$7 50	
Interest	72	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, treasurer		\$ 5 22
Uncollected taxes	3 00	
	\$8 22	\$8 22
1905.		
To uncollected taxes	\$138 76	
Interest	42	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, treasurer		\$ 4 70
Uncollected taxes	134 48	
	\$139 18	\$139 18
1906.		
To uncollected taxes	\$257 00	
Interest	1 80	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, treasurer		\$ 77 75
Uncollected taxes	181 05	
	\$258 80	\$258 80
1907.		
To taxes committed for collection	\$32,578 59	
Interest	69	
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, treasurer		\$31,545 97
Discount	627 23	
Uncollected taxes	406 08	
	\$32,579 28	\$32,579 28

Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Street Railway Co.	\$ 58 20
Milford & Uxbridge Street Railway Co.	195 80
By cash paid E. D. Bancroft, treasurer	\$254 00

	\$254 00

	\$254 00

EDWARD S. STIMPSON,

Collector.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The disbursements of the town of Hopedale through its several departments for the year 1907 are covered by receipts and receipted bills for correct amounts. The treasurer's books show a correct balance between income and expenditure.

Respectfully submitted,

ADIN A. MESSINGER,

Auditor.



PARK TERRITORY FROM DARLING HILL.

The entire foreground and all land edging the pond is within the Hopedale Park boundaries.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

PARK COMMISSIONERS

— OF THE —

TOWN OF HOPEDALE,

MASSACHUSETTS.

1907.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

**GEORGE OTIS DRAPER,
FRANK J. DUTCHER,
CHARLES F. ROPER,**

**Term expires 1908.
" " 1909.
" " 1910.**

REPORT.

By general appropriation	\$2,500 00
Received for wood	334 75
Received for labor	3 00
Received for rental of bath house lockers	8 00
To band stand :—	
W. C. Tewksbury	\$36 86
Avery & Woodbury Co.	18 66
	— \$ 55 52
Plans and surveys :—	
Warren H. Manning	56 54
Grading and seeding :—	
Clark Ellis & Sons	4 00
Bath house :—	
Clark Ellis & Sons	\$13 90
Draper Company	2 36
Milford Water Co.	74 75
	— 91 01
Roads and paths :—	
Warren H. Manning	540 59
Incidentals :—	
G. M. Billings, printing	\$10 00
Woodbury-Carlton Co., electrotypes	8 62
Draper Co., making tool boxes, bird boxes, etc.	78 24
Wm. H. Johnson, team- ing	22 50
H. S. Cushman, repair- ing snow shoes	1 50
J. M. French & Son :—	
Mowing	\$30 60

Sand for bath-	
ing beach . .	\$18 00
Sand for sand	
gardens . .	2 00
Loam for play	
ground . .	8 25

	\$58 85
Clark Ellis & Sons,	
settees for park, sup-	
plies, etc. . .	59 40
J. H. Sherman, repair-	
ing bridge, new ten-	
nis fence and base-	
ball back-stop . .	54 15
James E. Wallace, saw-	
ing wood . .	25 40
F. M. Kinsley, furni-	
ture . .	18 50
H. L. Frost Co., spray-	
ing trees . .	2 55
Howes & Howes, grain	
Dillon Bros., repairing	
band-stand . .	11 36
Wright & Ditson, ath-	
letic goods . .	19 98
John F. Powers, team-	
ing . .	54 00
Z. C. Field, lumber for	
bridge, tennis fence	
and baseball back-	
stop . .	42 12
H. H. Lent, sockets for	
baseball back-stop .	3 25
C. H. Hallier, row boat	
Davoren's Express . .	20 00
Three fire extinguish-	
ers . .	25
	30 81

Northrup, King & Co.,	
wild rice seed . . .	\$6 00
Milford Water Co. . .	9 35
John L. Mead, bird feed	4 45
W. C. Tewksbury, elec-	
tric work . . .	1 00
J. J. Gibbs, supplies . .	35
Adams Express Co. . .	4 16
	—
	\$566 92

Pay roll :—

E. D. Bancroft, treasurer . . .	1,362 67
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Tools :—

Clark Ellis & Sons	70 45
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Fertilizer :—

Clark Ellis & Sons	92 75
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—	\$2,840 45
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Balance unexpended	5 30
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—	\$2,845 75	\$2,845 75
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ADIN STREET LOT.

By interest on fund for care	\$90 00
To Clark Ellis & Sons, top dressing . .	\$40 00
J. M. French & Son, mowing	2 40
J. M. French & Son, carting	50
Care of lot for year	27 33
	—
	\$70 23
Balance unexpended	19 77
	—
	\$90 00
	\$90 00

The Park Commissioners hereby report on another favorable season, there being no diminution in the public interest taken in the various facilities under their management. The playground was well-patronized throughout the year, the

Field Day was as great a success as ever, and the bath-house records, as noted, show its increasing popularity. The improvements made during the year included new back-stops for the tennis courts, new planking for the river bridge, re-building the wall at the north end of the play-ground, additional furnishings for bath-house and band-stand, water connection from the Milford Water Co. pipe at the bath-house to furnish drinking water, purchase of fire extinguishers, purchase of additional settees, electric wiring of band-stand, and the extension of the foot path system to afford a continuous path throughout the Park property, giving an entrance on the western side of the pond from Freedom street and the 'Salt Box' road, so called, and connecting with the second bridge path. In connection with the development of this territory, a pathway has been opened to the top of Darling Hill, where one of the finest views of Hopedale is obtainable, and a new path also leads through the Park territory near the old Cutler Bridge, connecting with the old Cutler Bridge road. This new system of paths is laid out with more than usual care, and the continuous system throughout the entire Park territory now totals over three miles in all.

The Adin street lot has been thoroughly fertilized, the grass has been cut when necessary, and a foot path arranged for convenient crossing.

Additional birdhouses have been provided and bird feed distributed through the cold weather. Following the recommendation of the Board of Health, attention has been given to the elimination of breeding spots for mosquitoes.

The planks provided for assistance in life saving have been found quite useful in emergencies; in fact, at least one life has probably been saved by this provision this present season. Several permits have been given for the erection of boat houses on Park territory. The bath-house record is as follows:—

Whole number of baths taken, 4,768.

Females, 618. Largest number one day, 45.

Males, 4,150. Largest number one day, 122.

Sunday morning baths, 672. Largest number, 40.

We recommend an appropriation of \$2500 for the coming year.

C. F. ROPER,
F. J. DUTCHER,
G. O. DRAPER,

Board of Park Commissioners.

Twenty-second Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPEDALE,

MASSACHUSETTS.

1907.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FRANK J. DUTCHER, Secretary	.	.	.	1910
HARRIET B. SORNBORGER	.	.	.	1908
HOWARD W. BRACKEN, Chairman	.	.	.	1909

HERBERT F. TAYLOR, Superintendent.

[Office hours : Dutcher street building, Thursdays, 3 to 5.]

TRUANT OFFICERS.

HERBERT F. TAYLOR,	WARREN F. GASKILL,
SILAS A. STAPLES,	C. C. DOWNING.

AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN
THE AGES OF 14 AND 16.

HERBERT F. TAYLOR.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AVAILABLE FOR USE OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

General appropriation	\$14,500 00
Supplies and materials sold	4 38
Tuition	38 50
Old boiler and other materials	28 40

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

Teaching :—

Hopedale, including high school,	\$8,175 50
South Hopedale	524 00

Care of buildings :—

Hopedale	1,213 12
South Hopedale	42 00

Fuel :—

Hopedale	1,349 14
South Hopedale	19 25

Text-books and supplies

Supervision :—

Herbert F. Taylor	673 34
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Improvements :—

Hopedale :

Tea Tray Co., fire extinguishers	30 45
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, furniture	40 00
J. L. Hammett Co., furniture	22 59
Robert Allen Cook, plans	50 00

Repairs :—

Hopedale :

F. W. Foster Co., boiler repairs	2 50
Alex. F. Johnson, stone cutting	24 50
A. P. Clarridge, mason work	9 25

George A. Barnard, repairing roof		165	41
American Luxfer Prism Co., windows	.	11	60
Dillon Bros., carpentry	.	400	00
Draper Co., sundry small repairs		39	54
H. H. Lent, carpentry	.	112	66
T. E. Morse Co., painting and glazing	.	16	18
South Hopedale:—			
Albert Albee, mason work	.	1	50
H. H. Lent, carpentry	.	25	00
Transportation:—			
Milford & Uxbridge St. Ry. Co.	.	145	00
Milford, Attleboro & Woonsocket Ry. Co.	.	128	50
School Physician:—			
Dr. M. W. Knight	.	46	00
Incidentals:—			
R. Folger, rubber stamps	.	57	
J. J. Gibbs, chemicals	.	19	60
Draper Co., supplies	.	23	31
Milford Water Co., water	.	70	56
A. J. Lloyd Co., thermometers	.	4	00
S. B. Lyon, tuning pianos	.	22	50
H. E. Brown, electrical work	.	25	41
H. F. Taylor, traveling, etc.	.	78	29
G. M. Billings, printing	.	44	50
Howes & Howes, supplies	.	10	39
E. F. Lilley, repairing clocks	.	3	75
A. S. Roe, address	.	25	00
Milford Gas Light Co., gas	.	11	73
Clark Ellis & Sons, fertilizer, hardware and supplies	.	98	03
F. W. Martin, filling diplomas	.	1	25
Blodgett Clock Co., supplies	.	51	
G. B. Ballou, labor	.	1	50
H. L. Patrick, supplies	.	25	

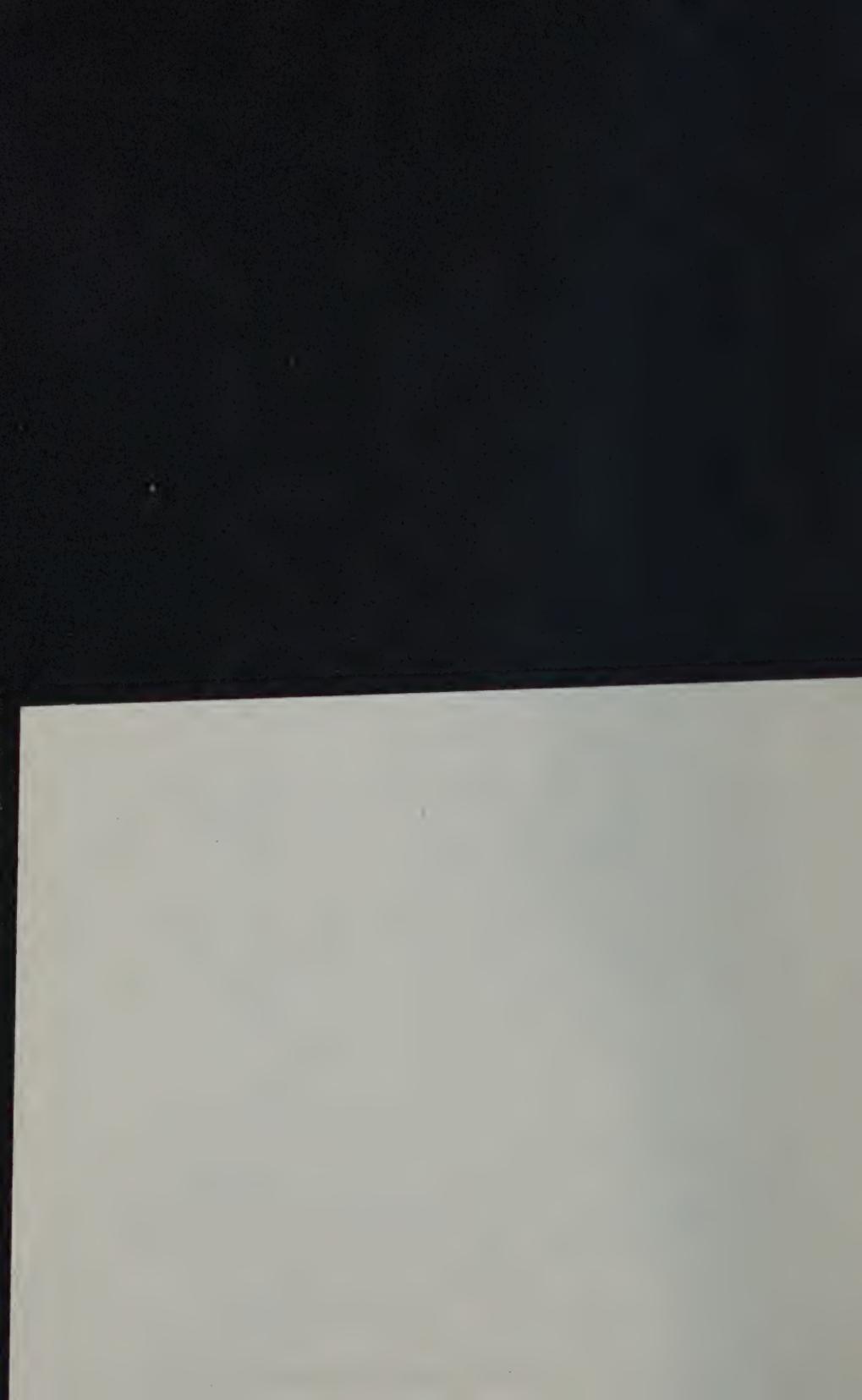
The above report includes all bills for the year 1907. The report of the Superintendent and tables published in connection therewith gives statistics in regard to school work and present general conditions.

With the present number of pupils in the High School and probability of material increase next fall, the necessity of additional room for the High School is manifest. This can be done either by adding to the present building or by the erection of a new building, in which case it will be desirable to locate near enough to the Park playground to make the playground available for the High School pupils. In either case when the work is done suitable room should be made for manual training.

We recommend for the year 1908 an appropriation of \$14,500, same as last year, this to include transportation of children from South Hopedale, continuation of the kindergarten, and all other school expenses.

For the School Committee,
FRANK J. DUTCHER,
Secretary.

The matter on this sheet was inadvertently omitted from the report when printed.



Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., boiler insur- ance	76 50
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies . . .	3 00
Powers Regulator Co., repairs on boiler regulator	6 85
Avery & Woodbury Co., shades . . .	4 51
Newson & Co., maps, etc.	12 50
J. M. French & Son, teaming . . .	6 45
Thomas Groom & Co., stationery .	13 00
J. A. Joel & Co., flags	10 88
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., appara- tus	99 23
Balance unexpended	27 07
	\$14,571 28
	\$14,571 28

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF HOPEDALE:—

I herewith present my sixth annual report which is the fourteenth report of the superintendent of schools.

The report might well be divided into two parts, the one discussing the condition of the schools from the date of the last report to June, 1907, and the other treating of the present condition. The loss in a single year of eight good teachers, with an average length of service of five and one-half years, might well cause discussion if there was a single reason for the loss. The average length of service would be a sufficient answer as to the conditions under which the teachers of Hopedale work. The diversity of the reasons, namely health, matrimony, and well deserved promotions, would further indicate that the unprecedented loss was due to conditions which were beyond control. So many changes in a year must inevitably lead to more or less confusion, and I would ask of the parents, the same support of and co-operation with the new teachers, which has always been granted those who have left us. It is a matter for congratulation that the places have been so satisfactorily filled, and I am certain that there will be no permanent diminution in the efficiency of the Hopedale schools due to the changes. As a demonstration of this I would suggest a public exhibition of the work of the schools at the end of the present school year.

Your attention is again called to the increase in school population, the appended table showing an increase in total registration of twenty-seven, with an increase in average membership of seventeen. The first grade in September registered fifty-eight, and the total registration of the schools January first, 1908, was four hundred six. As has been mentioned in previous reports, the pressure is greatest in the High

School, where physical conditions have not changed since the last report.

The question of industrial training as applied to Hopedale would seem to be closely connected with the problem of increased accommodations, and should be considered at the same time.

There seems to be a popular misconception of the purpose and scope of medical inspection, as practiced in the schools during the past year, under Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, and perhaps the following explanation may clear some of the doubtful points. The work of the medical inspector is entirely preventive, not curative. The teachers are required to summon the physician for all cases of illness that happen at school, that the school authorities may know at once whether the disease be of a contagious nature. Should it be of this nature, steps can at once be taken to prevent its spread, thereby protecting the schools from the spread of the disease. A secondary but not less important function of the medical inspector is to examine all cases, referred to him by the teachers, of children whose physical condition precludes doing the work of the grade. Defects, often unsuspected by the parents, are in this way detected, but it remains for the parent to correct the defect, as the inspector is forbidden by law from prescribing for the child. That is the work of the family physician. The school physician is sole judge as to the re-admission of pupils who have been quarantined, and is also asked to pass judgment on the re-admission of pupils who have been absent with an illness, the exact nature of which has not been determined by the teacher. The medical inspector is also required to make a thorough examination of the buildings from time to time that the sanitary conditions may be as perfect as possible. I trust that this explanation will prevent any feeling of annoyance which a parent may feel because his child is temporarily excluded by the physician. It should also help him to realize the increased safety of his child from contagion.

The school physician has been called or consulted twenty-seven times from the time of his appointment in March to

January first, 1908. He has also made several inspections of the buildings.

The thanks of the school department are due to the very efficient librarian of the Bancroft Memorial Library for her personal efforts to supplement the work of the schools with the resources of the library.

I also wish to express my thanks for the many favors received at the hands of the citizens of Hopedale, and for the unfailing kindness and consideration that you have shown me.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. TAYLOR,

Superintendent.

MUSIC TEACHER'S REPORT.

MR. HERBERT F. TAYLOR:

Dear Sir:—

In compliance with your request I herewith submit my annual report.

Music as taught in the Hopedale schools is not confined to the teaching of songs. It is our endeavor to so train the pupils, that upon the completion of their grammar school course, they have a good understanding of the fundamental principles of the study.

We aim to combine the aesthetic and the technical side of music, by teaching the pupils to read the songs they sing, and to give them such artistic rendering as their limited experience will permit.

The pupils show much interest and willingness in their work, and many of them have obtained very commendable results.

By way of suggestion I would recommend, as music is a required study, that in the high school it be given a certain number of credits toward graduation. I make this proposal because it not only embodies the recommendation of the state board, but it also asks for what is customary in many high schools.

The success of public school music is dependent upon the efficiency of the grade teacher. The supervisor may direct and assist, but if the teacher is not qualified, the music in that class will be a failure.

It is my earnest wish that more of the parents, or others who are interested in music, would visit the schools, and see the work, and know what is being accomplished by the children.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN E. WOOD,

Supervisor of Music.

DRAWING TEACHER'S REPORT.

TO MR. HERBERT F. TAYLOR, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—

Drawing offers so much that is interesting and desirable to teach, that there is sometimes a danger of attempting a variety of work which is out of proportion to the time allotted.

It becomes a question then of what should be regarded as essentials in a public school course in drawing. Certain fundamental aims well carried out will result in the child's power:

1. To sketch rapidly and correctly from object and from memory.
2. To read and make simple working drawings.
3. To recognize good design wherever applied.
4. To appreciate good examples of drawing, painting, sculpture and architecture.

With these aims constantly in mind, and a definite purpose in view that each lesson shall be a part of a whole, that wherever possible it shall have close application to other subjects taught, and to the things which concern us in everyday life, drawing must have some practical value.

The various elements taught in the grades should be brought together in the High School, and developed into a more definite study of special subjects.

There is an interest in the drawing shown by the pupils here which is very gratifying, and the hearty support of the teachers and yourself is keenly appreciated.

HELEN LOUISE VARNEY.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

HOPEDALE, MASS., Dec. 30, 1907.

MR. HERBERT F. TAYLOR, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—

Four cases of truancy have required my services during the past year.

The laws in regard to the employment of minors have been properly observed by the various manufactories.

Respectfully yours,

SILAS A. STAPLES,
Truant Officer.

TEACHERS, DECEMBER 1907.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	WHERE FITTED.
High, Principal, Assistant, Dutcher street, Principal, Grade 8, Grade 7, Grade 6, Grade 5, Grade 4, Grade 3, Grade 2, Grade 1, Kindergarten, South Hopedale, Drawing, Music,	Thos. H. Kenworthy, Amy P. Morse, Millard F. Perry, Bertha M. Rogers, Mary Forbes, Alice S. Morrison, Jane Alden, Harriet B. Thayer, Mary A. Billings, Edith I. Merriam, Mabel F. Andrew, Bertha M. Bennett, Euphemia K. Potts, Helen L. Varney, Lillian E. Wood,	Oct., 1907. Sept., 1907. Oct., 1907. Sept., 1903. Sept., 1904. Sept., 1904. Sept., 1907. Sept., 1907. Sept., 1906. Sept., 1905. June, 1897. Sept., 1907. Sept., 1907. Sept., 1899.	Brown University. Mt. Holyoke. Potsdam Normal. Worcester Normal. Nova Scotia Academy. Smith College. Bridgewater Normal. Normal Art School. Dean Academy. Hopedale High. Wheelock School. Wheelock School. Hebron Academy. Normal Art School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1907-1908.

	FALL TERM.		WINTER TERM.		SPRING TERM.	
	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Lower Schools, 36 weeks.	Sept. 9, 1907	Dec. 13	Dec. 30'07	Mar. 20'08	Apr. 6 '08	June 12
Grades 7, 8, 9, 38 weeks.	Sept. 8, 1907	Dec. 18	Dec. 30'07	Mar. 27'08	Apr. 6 '08	June 12
High School, 40 weeks.	Sept. 3, 1907	Dec. 20	Dec. 30,07	Mar. 27'08	Apr. 6 '08	June 19

Holidays :—

Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Friday following.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1908-1909.

	FALL TERM.		WINTER TERM.		SPRING TERM.	
	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.	Opens.	Closes.
Lower Schools, 36 weeks.	Sept. 14, 1908	Dec. 18	Jan. 4, '09	Mar. 26'09	Apr. 12'09	June 18
Grades 7, 8, 9, 38 weeks.	Sept. 8, 1908	Dec. 18	Jan. 4, '09	Apr. 2, '09	Apr. 12'09	June 18
High School, 40 weeks.	Sept. 8, 1908	Dec. 18	Dec. 28 '08	Apr. 2, '09	Apr. 12'09	June 25

Holidays :—

Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Friday following, February 22, April 19.

STATISTICAL TABLE, SEPTEMBER, 1906, TO JUNE, 1907.

ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.	KINDERGARTEN.	SUMMARY.										
		GRADE I.	GRADE II.	GRADE III.	GRADE IV.	GRADE V.	GRADE VI.	GRADE VII.	GRADE VIII.	GRADE IX.	HIGH.	SOUTH HOPEDALE.
Total enrolment,	24	51	34	33	45	47	33	26	29	42	36	423
Average number belonging,	19.32	44.87	29.39	28.29	35.22	40.48	29.20	24.00	25.87	19.85	33.46	369.04
Average daily attendance,	16.05	40.24	27.51	26.75	32.55	36.08	7.44	21.98	24.58	18.87	26.90	339.95
Per cent of attendance,	83.07	89.08	93.50	94.55	92.42	94.07	93.97	91.58	95.01	96.06	94.40	92.11
Total days of absence,	490	824.5	846	846	846	846	419.5	311.5	364	230.5	184.5	862
Cases of tardiness,	12	30	17	2	13	8	3	0	0	58*	17	23
Cases of dismissal,	0	5	12	8	14	23	19	10	55	10	73	209
Classes of truancy,	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	8	0	231
Cases of corporal punishment,	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
Visits by Superintendent,	20	16	19	27	20	23	22	20	14	28	19	21
Visits by others,	122	82	25	46	16	22	31	20	6	11	21	34
*Due to South Hopedale pupils failing to connect with Hopedale car.												
Number under five years of age (Kindergarten)												Totals.
Number between 5 and 15												13
Number between 7 and 14												6
Number over 15												7
School Census, September 1, 1907:—												164
Number of children in town between 5 and 15												172
Number of children in town between 7 and 14												121
Population of town May 1, 1907												243
Per cent of children between 5 and 15 to total population												45
Boys.												26
Girls.												19
Totals.												45

ROLL OF HONOR.

Hopedale Public Schools, 1906-7.

FIFTEEN TERMS.

Harriet E. Durgin—Grade IX.

TWELVE TERMS.

Raymond Sadler—Grade VIII.

Vincent Fagan—Grade IV.

NINE TERMS.

Gertrude Williams—High School.

Freeman Shepherd—Grade III.

Beatrice Fagan—Grade II.

SIX TERMS.

George Fagan—Grade I.

THREE TERMS.

Wendell D. Howie, Wilfred B. Pickard—High School.

Grace W. Thayer—Grade IX.

Walter Pickard—Grade VII.

Walter Miller—Grade V.

Clifton Burnham, Arthur Rockwood, Goldie Gilmore—
Grade IV.

Donald Goodnow, George Nichols—Grade III.

Clyde Saunders—Grade II.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

Irene Gaskill, Estella Stafford—High School.

Ruth E. Stafford—Grade IX.

Herbert S. Bull—Grade VII.

Ellsworth Howie, Marjorie Rockwood—Grade VI.

Charles Draper, Ada Kearsley—Grade V.

James Doherty, Henry Osgood—Grade II.

Ruby Freethy, Anna Fagan—Kindergarten.

FALL TERM.

Irene H. Kellogg, Percy W. Pickard, Pearl L. Whitney, Silas Williams, Clifton S. Albee, Arthur D. Durgin, Norman S. Henry, Hazel B. Brown, Fred A. Farrington, Jr., Bertha M. Meade—High School.

Ada E. Munyon—Grade IX.

Dorothy Osgood, Mildred Rockwood, Frank Davis, Edgar Markham—Grade VIII.

Pearl Bunker, Ray Phipps—Grade VII.

Albert Bottomly, Thurston Carlson, Winburn Dennett, William Hagar, Richard Hasbrouck, Frank O'Neil, Marie Gaskill—Grade VI.

Margaret Dillon, Mary Finlay, Gladys Galloway, May Noyes, Pearl Sweet, Harry Davis, Donald McCaslin, William Northrop, Harold Spaulding—Grade V.

Harland Gaskill, Gwendolyn Beal, May Metcalf, Olive Miller, Gertrude Spaulding—Grade IV.

Bernice Davis, Bertha Gray, Helena Hattersley, Wino-gene Phipps, Stanley McCaslin, Albert E. Sears—Grade III.

Archie Pickard—Grade II.

Morris Laventure, Lucy King—Grade I.

Emma Knight, Ruth Knight, Henry Knights—South Hopedale.

WINTER TERM.

Hazel B. Brown, Harry G. Newman, Lewis W. Gaskill, Silas Williams, Clifton S. Albee, Elmer Damon, Arthur D. Durgin, Norman S. Henry, A. Joseph Knox—High School.

Ada E. Munyon—Grade IX.

Beatrice E. Britten, Gilbert S. Arnold—Grade VIII.

Helen Ranahan, Ray Phipps—Grade VII.

William Hagar, John Kearsley—Grade VI.

Lillian Fletcher, Harding Hamant, Donald McCaslin, Benjamin Wilbur—Grade V.

Carleton Baldwin, Olive Miller—Grade IV.

Alice Gaffney—Grade III.

Mabel Prince—Grade II.

William Burke, Charles Hattersley, Ruth Andrew—Grade I.

Leslie Albee—South Hopedale.

SPRING TERM.

Richard F. Harding, Pearl L. Whitney, S. Marion Hard-ing, Harold L. Brown, Fred A. Farrington, Jr., Ethel North-rop—High School.

Gordon R. Andrew, Harold A. Jordan, Franklin R. Clark—Grade IX.

Edgar E. Markham—Grade VIII.

Jack Manuel—Grade VII.

Kenneth Burnham, Winburn Dennett, Frank O'Neil, Kara Draper, Marion Fisher, Ruth Leonard, Chloe Roberts, Marie Gaskill—Grade VI.

Maggie Bottomly, Gladys Galloway, Pearl Sweet, Mabel Tempest, Mary Finlay, Harold Day, Raphael Markham, Andrew Martin, William Northrop, Raymond Piper, Harold Spaulding—Grade V.

Spencer Buzzell, George Shepherd, Gwendolyn Beal, Hazel Buzzell, Vera Andrew, Viva Coxon, Mary Monahan, Maisie Moore—Grade IV.

Annie Bagnoli, Winogene Phipps, Alma Roberts, Lillian Tempest, Kenneth Sherman, Albert Sears—Grade III.

May Crawford, Helen Gaskill, Helen Monehan, Marshall Day, Almond Draper, Maynard Miller, Earl Spaulding—Grade II.

Edward Bateson, Arthur Cox, Newman Lane, Lloyd Rob-erts, Glenroy Wright, Madeline Farrington, Bessie Gaffney Cecelia Martin—Grade I.

Hester Nelson, Hilda Chilson, Dorris Chilson, Lois Al-bee—South Hopedale.

GRADUATION EXERCISES,

CLASS OF 1907.

HOPEDALE HIGH SCHOOL,

Thursday Evening, June 20, 1907.

(a) O Who Will O'er the Downs So Free	De Pearsall
(b) The Lake	Abt
Address,	
	Hon. Alfred S. Roe.
(a) Out on the Deep,	Lohr
(b) The King's Champion,	Watson
Presentation of Diplomas	
Oh, My Love's Like a Red, Red Rose	Garrett
Y'Heave Ho! My Lads	Marks

GRADUATES.

English Course.

EDITH WHEELOCK LOWELL,	GEORGE EDWARD CLIFFORD,
RICHARD FRANKLIN HARDING,	WILLARD FRANCIS HENRY,
HARRY GEORGE NEWMAN.	

Class Motto:—“Our Future Be Our Judge.”

Class Color—Yale Blue.

Class Flower—White Pink.

Twenty-second Annual Report

— OF THE —

Bancroft Memorial Library,

Hopedale, Massachusetts,

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1907.

TRUSTEES.

ANNA M. BANCROFT, Chairman,
FRANK H. FRENCH,
EDWARD L. OSGOOD,

Term expires 1908
“ “ 1910
“ “ 1909

LIBRARIAN AND SECRETARY FOR THE TRUSTEES.

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER.

ASSISTANTS.

LUCY E. DAY,

FLORA MESSINGER,
EMMA L. DAVIS.

JANITOR.

F. A. SPAULDING.

The trustees wish to impress upon the inhabitants of the town that a public library is the proper place in which to deposit any manuscript or printed matter of any kind, whether book, pamphlet, report, notice, poster, handbill or newspaper, that contains any direct or indirect reference to Hopedale. If each citizen will bear this in mind and do his share in the matter the library will eventually contain a more complete history of our town than can be made in any other way.

The trustees will furthermore welcome any suggestion that will in any way increase the usefulness of the library.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The trustees of the Bancroft Memorial Library respectfully submit the twenty-second annual report and the eighth from the new building.

As is customary in many other successful libraries, we offer this year the report of the librarian, which includes all financial accounts and all facts and figures connected with the regular working of the library, hence our report is naturally brief.

The Massachusetts Library Club, which is entertained by libraries throughout the state, met in Hopedale, June 22. We were fortunate in having the word of welcome given by a state executive, one of our own citizens, Lieut. Gov. Eben S. Draper. The meeting in the Town Hall proved pleasant and profitable. Through the generosity of J. B. Bancroft, luncheon was given all the members and guests, and by courtesy of the Parish committee it was served in the Parish Hall. The library was of course visited and through the kindness of several of our public spirited citizens all of the one hundred eighty guests, in carriages and automobiles, were shown the town. We wish to thank all who generously co-operated to make the day so very successful.

For four years a great deal of interest has been shown in our amateur photographers' exhibit. This year Mr. Davis and Mr. Russell of Worcester kindly came down and showed several plates upon which pictures were taken in color. It was a most interesting exhibit and we would thus publicly express our appreciation of their interest and generosity.

The work of the janitor has been most satisfactory and his ability to be at the desk when the librarian is away or attending to other duties, is most convenient. We are pleased to report that Mrs. George H. Davis has returned to give her

able and faithful work to the library whenever it is needed. We realize that our library owes its success to our courteous, capable, interested, up-to-date librarian, who is always ready to serve the public to the fullest capacity of our library.

Respectfully,

ANNA M. BANCROFT,
FRANK H. FRENCH,
EDWARD L. OSGOOD.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The librarian respectfully submits her first annual report:—

CIRCULATION.

The circulation this year was 21,426 volumes, 35 volumes less than last year. This is an average of 19 books to each card holder. The juvenile circulation has increased from a sixth to nearly a fifth of the circulation. The per cent of fiction was the same 72, of this over 46 per cent of the adult fiction was the newer one week books. The juvenile fiction is about 2 per cent of the whole, so that only about one half (52 per cent) of the fiction read is from older writers, or has been published more than two or three years at the longest.

The library has been open for the circulation of books 306 days, with an average of 70 books a day. The largest circulation of any one day was 198 books on February 23, the smallest, 22 books on June 13.

READING ROOM.

The reading room has been open 306 week days, with a patronage of 9384, an average of 30 visitors each day. There have been 238 readers during the 22 Sunday afternoons, an average of 11 persons each Sunday. As in past years the time spent by each visitor on Sunday is much longer than by the average visitor on the week day. The list of magazines kept on file is given elsewhere in detail.

BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

We have according to the accession book 11,763 volumes, but this includes many of the government books and some pamphlets which had entirely disappeared even before moving from the old building. By actual count at stock taking in December there were 9065 volumes, all on the main floor, with the exception of a few magazine files in the basement,

not exceeding 125 volumes. Of this number 2940 volumes, or about one-third, are fiction, 1048 bound magazines; the other classes range from 833 volumes in literature, not fiction, to 104 volumes in philosophy.

BOOKS ADDED.

As in the past seven years new books have been added regularly each alternate Saturday, the list being printed in the Milford Journal. 488 volumes have been added this year. Elsewhere in the report they are given according to class, the number added by purchase, gift and binding, and also the names of books purchased with the Bancroft fund and the General Draper money. The duplicate set of Macaulay purchased with the Bancroft fund is most attractive, in print, binding and illustrations, the Stevenson is the Scribner Biographical edition, bound in one half leather, clear as to print, and of a size easily handled ($4\frac{1}{2}$ x7 inches). The three books added with the General Draper money have been well received, especially the "Modern machine shop construction."

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.

Much time has been given this year to overhauling the government documents. About a thousand (1059) have been taken from the shelves and are now waiting sacks to be sent by the government for their return to Washington. Up to the present time we have been on the list of remainder libraries—meaning that we get various "left overs" from sets when the regular demand has been supplied. This plan of necessity rendered our files incomplete, and often secured us books for which our small town had no call and so could ill afford to give shelf room. Certain definite sets, for which there seems some chance of use have been retained. These we hope to keep up to date, and also secure the missing volumes as far as possible. All are to be catalogued and put in form for use. The pamphlets and state documents await a like treatment when we have finished with the U. S. documents.

WORK WITH SCHOOLS.

The work begun last year has been continued, and 72

volumes have been sent to the school at South Hopedale. No record of the circulation of these books among the children has been kept, nor have they been counted in our records of circulation. The summer reading lists were not furnished to all grades as last year, but several of the grades had lists furnished by the teachers. The experiment of a bulletin board in Grade 6, with material furnished by the librarian seems to be fruitful of good results. But one class from the high school has visited the library this year, that the freshman, for a lesson on history reference books. The usual amount of individual reference work has been done. In the grades, beginning with the fourth, 80 per cent of the pupils have cards at the library. The same per cent, also, of high school pupils have cards.

LOCAL HISTORY.

Early in the year Mrs. A. B. Heywood completed our file of the "Practical Christian." This was a semi-monthly paper which was published for twenty years under the editorship of Adin Ballou. The first number appeared on April 1, 1840. Mrs. Heywood also gave us Vol. I. of the "Non-Resistant," bearing the date 1839. This paper was later (about 1845) combined with the "Practical Christian."

A loose leaf photograph album (10x12 inches) has been purchased with the idea of starting a collection of local photographs that shall be of present and future interest.

EXHIBITS.

The library has received 13 picture exhibits from the Library Art club: Greece No. 1, Greece No. 2, Naples No. 1, Naples No. 2, German sculpture, California, Paris No. 1, Jamaica, Greece No. 3, Italian fountains, Arizona, Yachts, Scotland No. 1, Durer.

Mrs. F. E. Ball loaned us a collection of colored plates showing the "Fish and Game of the State of New York," which was on exhibition in April.

As in the past three years, an exhibition of amateur photography was held during the first two weeks in December (Dec. 2-15). The exhibit, which consisted of 261 mounted

photographs, 63 postals, and 12 lantern slides, was hung under the supervision of Miss Varney, our teacher of drawing. The library was visited during the two weeks by 893 people, a greater number than in any past year. The exhibitors were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ball, Mr. E. A. Bragg, Mr. Richard Britten, Mr. C. H. Chapman, Mr. G. O. Chickering, Mr. Wickliffe P. Draper, Mr. J. S. Henry, Mr. G. Draper Osgood, Mr. C. B. Stowers, Mr. L. K. Whiting.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, Mr. Dwight A. Davis of Worcester, an amateur of much experience, was at the library for two hours in the evening. He gave a short sketch of photography in colors illustrated by several plates made by himself. This was followed by most helpful criticism of the work displayed, which made his visit one of much profit as well as pleasure to our local photographers.

HARRIET B. SORNBORGER,
Librarian.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DEC. 31, 1907.

Receipts:—

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Proceeds dog tax	191 18
Fines, etc.	87 30
Books sold	57 82
Interest on Bancroft fund	40 00
Gen. Draper money	8 55
	————— \$2,884 85

Expenditures:—

Books:—

Appropriation	\$537 45
Interest, Bancroft fund	40 00
	————— \$ 577 45
Periodicals	138 70
Binding	94 02
Salaries	1,114 58
Lighting	299 94
Heating	255 75
Supplies	71 63
Printing	8 00
Express	21 44
Water	18 88
Labor	10 10
Library Art club	6 00
Repairs, girder, waxing floors, etc.	197 16
Traveling expenses of librarian	50 00
Sundry expenses	21 20
	————— \$2,884 85

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FOUNTAIN ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1907.

Receipts:—

Appropriation	\$400 00
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Expenditures:—

Care	\$195 00
Water	35 99

Covering, uncovering, supplies, etc.		\$ 16 09	
Shrubs, etc.	.	52 92	
Unexpended balance	.	100 00	
			\$400 00

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Books Taken Out.	Visitors to the Reading Room.	
	1906.	1907.	
January,	2,067	1,888	930
February,	1,846	1,818	723
March,	2,160	2,051	793
April,	1,734	1,634	722
May,	1,677	1,699	718
June,	1,723	1,546	649
July,	1,603	1,657	606
August,	1,453	1,627	695
September,	1,645	1,726	743
October,	1,759	2,018	841
November,	2,014	1,979	826
December,	1,780	1,783	1,070
	21,461	21,426	10,525
			9,384
Sunday visitors to reading room	.	.	.
Total number of visitors to reading room	.	.	238
			9,622

GIFTS.

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
Bancroft, Miss A. M.	.	.	3
Bass & Co.	.	.	5
Bolton, S. K.	.	.	1
Boston Museum of Fine Arts	.	.	1
Boyle, Miss Mary	.	.	2
Brockton Relief Fund	.	.	1
Canada, Superintendent of Immigration	.	.	1
Davenport, Mr. Daniel	.	.	1
Fall River, City of	.	.	1
Heywood, Mrs. A. B.	.	.	8
Indian Rights Association	.	.	1

	Vol.	Pam.	Per.
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Libraries :—

Boston Public Library	.	.	1
Brockton Public Library	.	.	1 yr.
Brookline Public Library	.	.	1 yr.
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library			1
Chelsea, Fitz Public Library	.	.	1
Everett, Parlin Memorial Library	.	.	1
Everett, Shute Memorial Library	.	.	1
Fall River Public Library	.	.	1
Fitchburg Public Library	.	.	1
Grand Rapids Public Library	.	.	1
Greenfield Public Library	.	.	1
Holliston Public Library	.	.	1
Lancaster Town Library	.	.	1
Lawrencee Public Library	.	.	1
Leominster Public Library	.	.	1
Lexington, Cary Library	.	.	1 yr.
Lynn Public Library	.	.	1
Malden Public Library	.	.	1
Natick, Morse Institute Library	.	.	1
New Bedford Public Library	.	.	2 1 yr.
Newton Free Library	.	.	1
Northbridge Public Library	.	.	1
Peabody Institute Library	.	.	1 1 yr.
Providence Public Library	.	.	1
Salem Public Library	.	.	1
Taunton Public Library	.	.	1
Uxbridge Public Library	.	.	1
Worcester Public Library	.	.	2
Louisiana State University	.	.	1
Massachusetts, State of	.	.	19 8
Osgood, Miss Fanny	.	.	2
Osgood, Miss Hannah	.	.	1
Towle Manufacturing Co.	.	.	1
United States Government	.	.	17 63
Usher, E. P.	.	.	1
Willard, Mrs. H. E.	.	.	2

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

(Those marked * are given.)

WEEKLIES.

American Machinist.	Milford Gazette.*
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